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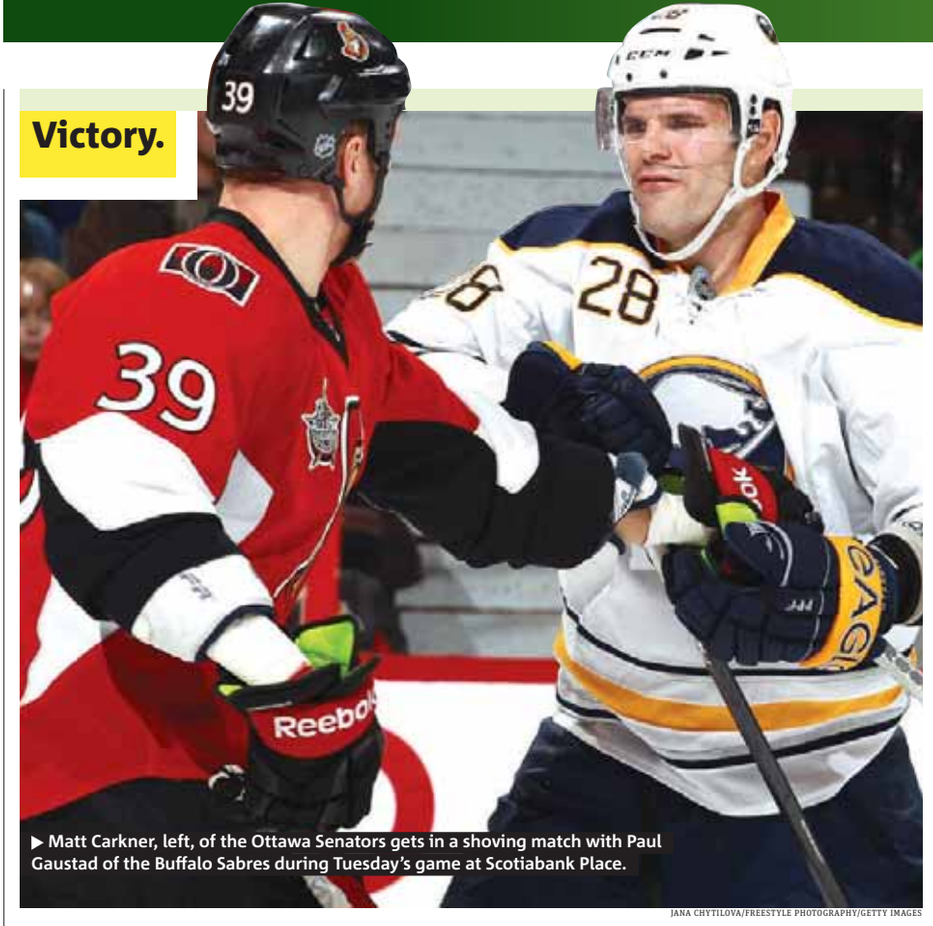

▶ Matt Carkner, left, of the Ottawa Senators gets in a shoving match with Paul Gaustad of the Buffalo Sabres during Tuesday's game at Scotiabank Place.

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Senators hang tough against the Sabres

Erik Condra scored two goals and Craig Anderson stopped 22 shots as the Ottawa Senators beat the Buffalo Sabres 4-1 on Tuesday. The Senators (16-14-4) play their next game on Thursday against the Florida Panthers. For more coverage, visit metronews.ca/ottawa.

Call to voter a mistake: Tories

◗ Woman received call directing her to wrong polling station ◗ Elections commissioner is currently investigating several complaints

The Conservative Party of Canada says there's a honest explanation for why it directed an Ontario woman to vote at the wrong polling station during the last federal election.

Carolyn Siopiolosz had complained to Elections Canada that she received a phone call a few days before the May 2 election telling her she was to vote at a polling station in downtown Kitchener rather than St. Clements, Ont., the town where she lived.

"The caller identified himself as representing Stephen Harper," reads a complaint sent to Elections Canada by the Liberal riding president in Kitchener-Conestoga, Joe Nowak."She became suspicious because her original poll was to be immediately across the street from where she lived and she had not heard of any official change."

The complaint first came to light Tuesday in the Waterloo Region Record, the daily newspaper serving the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

But Conservative party spokesman Fred Delorey says it was simply a matter of human error. The voter's information was listed twice in the party's database under different ridings, and she was directed to the wrong riding location.

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CBSA arrests 30 mall workers

The Canada Border Services Agency arrested 30 people Monday in raids targeting alleged illegal foreign workers in shopping malls in Gatineau and Ottawa.

"Those people are currently being detained and will have a detention review hearing Thursday in Montreal," said CBSA spokesman Stephane Malepart.

Malepart said the people arrested were working at kiosks selling beauty products at Bayshore Shoping Centre, Place d'Orleans, Carlingwood Mall, St. Laurent Shoping Centre, Hazeldean Mall, Billings Bridge Shopping Centre, Les Galeries de Hull and Les Promenades de l'Outaouais.

He said the arrests happened toward the end of the business day.

Workers at kiosks inside the St. Laurent Shopping Centre on Tuesday said CBSA officials came to the mall Monday afternoon and arrested people working at an Extreme Energy kiosk.

An Extreme Energy manager from the company's headquarters in California would not release contact information for the vendor responsible for hiring workers in Ottawa malls. He also said he was not aware of the alleged arrests of workers selling his company's products.

SEAN MCKIBBON AND JOE LOFARO

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▶ M & T Glass trucks were the first vehicles to drive over the new Cyrville Road overpass Tuesday after it reopened to traffic following a nine-month reconstruction project.

Fixed bridge draws sigh of relief from businesses

Cyrville Road bridge fixed Road the bridge services should also be improved and widened to four lanes, says Coun. Tierney

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After nine months of construction, the Cyrville Road overpass, which spans Highway 417, opened to motorists Tuesday with praise from business owners and residents.

The $11.3-million Ontario-government project wrapped up just over a week ahead of schedule and on budget with a $5-million investment from the City of Ottawa.

Several of the first few motorists to pass over the new bridge honked their horns in celebration minutes after the ribbon cutting with Beacon Hill-Cyrville Coun. Tim Tierney and MPP for Ottawa-Orleans Phil McNeely.

Sarah Rizk, manager of Louis Steak House on Cyrville Road was beyond excited at the opening Tuesday. She said she noticed a drop in customers at her restaurant during the construction because the detour rerouted motorists entering and exiting the 417.

"The buffet is open again," Rizk cheered. "We used to have a lunch buffet Monday to Friday and we cut it down to just Thursdays and Fridays."

Susette Wagorn from Wagorn's Garage said 2011 was her roughest year in 48 years, but the bridge needed to be replaced.

"It was in bad shape and you could see in various places it was starting to fall apart," she said. "I would have loved to have cracked open a bottle of champagne, just to say it's finished because it's been a long, hard summer."

Tierney said the bridge was reaching its maximum lifetime of 50 years, so replacing it was a matter of safety.

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- An Ottawa doctor has called for an end to fighting and intentional headshots because of the dangers of brain injuries caused by concussions
- Will the league or the players listen?
- While the NHL has instituted some rule changes, it argues fights and hard checks are integral parts of the game

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▶ Toronto Maple Leafs' Jay Rosehill, left, fights with Los Angeles Kings' Kyle Clifford during the first period on Monday.

Selling a fight ban to the Hard-headed

Fighting and intentional head shots in hockey should be banned because of the risk to players of serious brain injury, says a doctor at the helm of the Canadian Medical Association Journal.

In an editorial headlined "Stop the violence and play hockey," interim editor-in-chief Dr. Rajendra Kale writes that as a relative newcomer to Canada, he was amazed to see the skill, speed and physical fitness exhibited by players of what is arguably the country's favourite game.

"Simultaneously, I was appalled by the disgraceful and uncivilized practice of fighting and causing intentional head trauma," the neurologist said in an interview from Ottawa.

"It doesn't seem to fit in. ... I almost thought that these were two different games being played," said Kale, who moved to Canada from London more than three years ago.

His is the latest voice to call for an end to incidental and intentional head-bashing in pro hockey, which has led to a growing list of players sustaining concussions that have sidelined them from the game — among them top goal-producers Sidney Crosby and Claude Giroux, and veteran defenceman Chris Pronger.

"Do you want to be rich, famous and demented and dead at 40?" DR. RAJENDRA KALE

Many players insist hard-hitting checks and fighting are just part of the fast-paced game and it's unrealistic to believe those aspects can be dissected out of the sport.

Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Jay Rosehill fought Los Angeles forward Kyle Clifford in the first period Monday and said he felt like he did his job because the Leafs scored right after.

"I know they're kind of altering right now with different rules and what not," said Rosehill. "The powers that be want it in there right now. The fans like it, the players like it, so I don't see any reason why it would change any time soon."

Minnesota forward Kyle Brodziak, who also played Monday, added his support to fighting.

"As long as I've played the game, fighting's been in it. It's tough to really envision it not being a part of the game," he said.

Canucks defenceman Kevin Bieksa had plenty to say about the editorial following a game in Vancouver on Monday.

"Is he on the Board of Governors for the NHL? Then who cares what this guy thinks?" said Bieksa. "Fans have their opinions, but at the end of the day they're not going to change our game."

"It is an argument, but I think it is an extremely weak argument," countered Kale. "If you ban the fighting and the intentional head-hitting, you do not know what's going to happen."

He cites the example of legislation to prohibit smoking in bars and restaurants, which owners predicted would decrease the number of customers and sound the death knell of their businesses.

"This did not happen," Kale writes. "Instead the rates of admission to hospital for heart attacks and lung diseases decreased.

"If fighting is banned, several spectators who currently do not watch the game may start watching it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ex-bishop gets double credit for jail time

Crown calls early jail entry a ploy, defence calls it remorse Sentence will be reduced by eight months

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Raymond Lahey, the former Roman Catholic bishop caught with child pornography at the Ottawa International Airport, will get two-for-one credit for his time spent in jail before his sentencing, a judge has ruled.

Lahey, 71, one-time head of the diocese of Antigonish Nova Scotia, asked to go directly to jail in May when he pleaded guilty to a single count of importing child pornography.

The federal government ended two-for-one credit for pre-sentence custody in 2010, but Justice Jack Kirkland ruled that because Lahey was charged in 2009, the old rule applied in his case. Kirkland dismissed the Crown's suggestion that Lahey's asking to be incarcerated early was a ploy to get his sentenced reduced.

At the time, his lawyer, Michael Edelson, said the request to be jailed was meant "to signal to the court the sincerity and genuineness of his remorse."

Kirkland will issue his decision on Jan. 4. Lahey could be released from custody that day if Kirkland agrees to a defence request that he receive the minimum sentence of one year in jail.

The two-for-one credit will reduce whatever sentence Lahey receives by eight months.

The Crown wants Lahey to serve 18 to 22 months and says the offence of possession is serious.

"At the root of all child porn is the hands-on abuse of children," Crown attorney David Elhadad said.

The two sides also argued about the relative depravity of Lahey's pornography collection and the impact of his crime.

Edelson said Lahey's collection was not as bad as some cases since it did not include images of infants or bestiality.

But Elhadad pointed to images that suggested torture and noted that a number of them showed victims wearing rosaries. In one case, a man dressed as a monk is paddling a young male. Elhadad said the religious and torture images relate directly to stories on Lahey's laptop and a handheld device.

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▶ Raymond Lahey, arrives at the Ottawa courthouse on May 4, when he entered a guilty plea to a single count of importing child pornography and asked to be sent straight to jail. A judge ruled on Tuesday that each day of Lahey's time behind bars before a decision on sentence will count as two days. Lahey will be formally sentenced on Jan. 4.

'I became addicted to pornography': Lahey

Former Catholic bishop Raymond Lahey apologized in court on Tuesday for the "addiction to pornography" that he blames for his fall from grace.

"I know that I've done wrong, not only something illegal but something that goes against the moral principles that I believe in," Lahey said. "Something that is even more wrong is, somewhere along the line, children and young people are truly and genuinely hurt because of such exploitation."

Lahey said he was relieved when his porn collection was discovered at the Ottawa airport in 2009, because it forced him to deal with his addiction.

"I became addicted to pornography on a very indiscriminate basis," he said. "This was an addiction powerful enough that despite my own distaste for it and my own internal convulsions, I could not break it."

Lahey said he wanted to use the media attention his case has attracted to warn others about the addiction, saying they should "look at what they're doing, cease it and seize the help they need." JESSICA SMITH

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Robberies investigated

Ottawa police are looking into two weekend bank burglaries

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▶Police are looking to identify these men.

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Ottawa police are investigating two bank robberies on Saturday that they believe were committed by the same person.

Police said a bank was targeted at the 1300 block of Woodroffe Avenue at around 11:30 a.m. and a second bank was targeted at the 2200 block of Bank Street at around 1:50 p.m.

The primary suspect is described as male, approximately 18 years old, approximately five-foot-six, having a "pudgy" build, olive complexion, no facial hair and very short hair.

Police also believe the male was accompanied by two other male suspects who did not enter the banks.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Ottawa Police Service robbery unit at 613-236-1222, ext. 5116 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS) or toll free at 1-800-222-8477.

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▶ A woman gives money as the Brothers Dubé perform in the BMO parking lot on Slater Street Tuesday.

Rockers stage concert for Haiti

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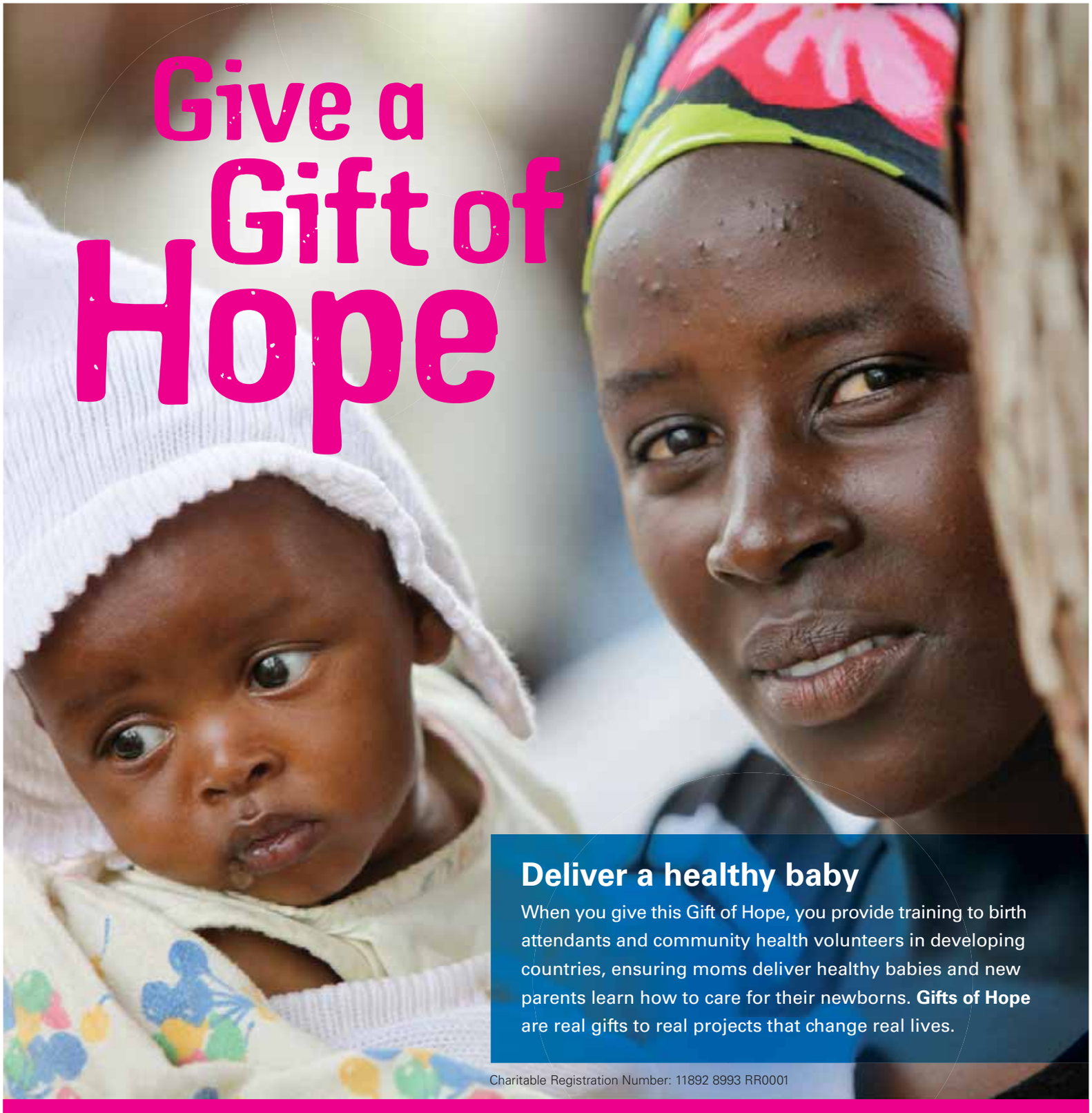
The Brothers Dubé raised money to help poor families in Haiti and entertained cold rock 'n' roll lovers Tuesday with a concert in a downtown parking lot.

The band — drummer Quinn Dubé, 11, guitarist/vocalist Liam, 14, and bassist/vocalist Jan, 12 — are raising money for Kanpe, a charity that helps poor families in Haiti.

"It's a foundation that goes into Haiti and picks the 150 poorest families outside of Port-au-Prince and it doesn't just throw the money at them, it trains them," Liam said. "It's a real investment."

The band has raised $130,000 so far, and every dollar they raise will be matched by Canadian indie rock superstars Arcade Fire.

The Brothers Dubé met the members of Arcade Fire two years ago outside Bluesfest and have been in touch, playing music and raising money for Haiti ever since, said Liam.



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Premiers express dismay over health negotiations

Premiers who feel slighted by the federal government on health-care funding expressed their frustration Tuesday at Ottawa's tone and position in what they thought were supposed to be negotiations on a long-term deal.

Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan challenged Flaherty's assertion that the deal Ottawa brought to Victoria offers the provinces a clear understanding on the amount of money they can expect for years to come by linking funding increases to the rate of nominal gross domestic product.

"Mr. Flaherty talked about clarity. There's no clarity when you tie funding to GDP, which goes up and down, so there's absolutely no more clarity," he said on Tuesday. "That's just nonsense."

At Monday's meeting, Flaherty said Ottawa plans to continue increasing health transfer payments at six per cent annually for the next six years. After that, he said transfer payments will be tied to the rate of economic growth and inflation, which gives the provinces and territories certain and stable health funding.

"We do need to talk about the way forward in terms of being fiscally responsible, not only at the federal level but across the country, all the governments," he said after the meeting.

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White. Christmas

▶ Kevin Wesson shovels a path for customers at the Water Still in Amarillo, Texas, on Tuesday morning after an overnight storm covered the region with about an inch of ice and snow. Several major thoroughfares were closed after the storm clipped the northwest part of the state the day before the official start of winter.

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Stormy weather takes States by surprise

Fierce winds and snow that caused fatal accidents and shuttered highways in five states crawled deeper into the central U.S. early Tuesday, with forecasters warning that pre-holiday travel would be difficult if not impossible across the region. Authorities said six people have died as a result of the bad weather.

Ontario researcher develops AIDS vaccine

University of Western Ontario claims vaccine is the only one of its kind being developed in Canada ◐ Will be produced in the U.S. ◐ Canada lacks facilities that meet standards

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

▶ University of Western Ontario researcher Yong Kang speaks Tuesday at the university's research park about a vaccine he has developed to prevent HIV-AIDS.

Yong Kang has played a role in developing vaccines for polio and hepatitis B.

Now, the University of Western Ontario researcher has earned approval from the U.S. government to start human clinical trials on what could be a breakthrough vaccination for preventing HIV.

The vaccine — technically named SAV001 — is the result of nearly 20 years worth of work at Western labs.

Kang, a molecular virologist, started studying the way HIV reproduces after landing in London during the early 1990s. About 10 years ago, he turned his focus toward developing a vaccine — something that he first thought would be a relatively simply task.

"Turns out, it was a very challenging problem," he said.

With the first of three trial phases set to begin in January, best-case scenario would see Kang's product on the market in five years. His vaccine attacks the whole virus instead of attacking bits and pieces, which is the way vaccines in previous HIV trials worked.

While HIV has been his key subject for many years, Kang said there's no one thing that drew him to the disease, except maybe the number of people it affects.

"I like to save lives," he said. "I think we can save millions."

ANGELA MULLINS IN LONDON, ONT.

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Egyptian women call for change

Military issues statement of regret for violations against women Clinton slams Egypt's security forces

Around 10,000 women marched through central Cairo demanding Egypt's ruling military step down Tuesday in an unprecedented show of outrage over soldiers who dragged women by the hair and stomped on them, and stripped one half-naked in the street during a fierce crackdown on activists over the past week.

The dramatic protest, which grew as the women marched from Tahrir Square through downtown, was fuelled by the widely circulated images of abuses of women. Many of the marchers touted the photo of the young woman whose clothes were partially pulled off by troops, baring her down to her blue bra, as she struggled on the ground.

"Tantawi stripped your women naked, come join us," the crowd chanted to passersby, referring to Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, the head of the military council that has ruled Egypt since the Feb. 11 fall of Hosni Mubarak. "The daughters of Egypt are a red line," they chanted.

"The girl dragged around is just like my daughter," said Um Hossam, a 54-year old woman in traditional black dress and a headscarf at Tuesday's march.

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Scare tactics

- **Many accused the military** of intentionally targeting women to scare them and their male relatives from joining protests against the generals.
- **Previously, the military** has implied women who joined protests were of loose morals.
- **In March,** soldiers subjected detained female protesters to humiliating tests to determine if they were virgins.
- **"They want** to break their dignity so that they don't go out and protest," Maha Abdel-Nasser, an engineer who joined the march, said.

▶ Women march during a protest against the crackdown by authorities on protesters in Cairo Tuesday.

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Topless protesters abducted, beaten

A Ukrainian organization of topless women activists says three of its members were abducted by security officers during a protest against Belarus authoritarian president, beaten, humiliated and left naked in a forest.

The group, called Femen, is widely known in Ukraine and neighbouring countries for its demonstrations in which women bare their breasts to draw attention to an array of causes.

A statement on Femen's website Tuesday says the three were seized by agents of the Belarusian KGB at Minsk's train station on Monday evening, several hours after they held a protest against President Alexander Lukashenko.

Femen said they were blindfolded and driven in a bus to the Gomel region, 200 kilometres southeast of the capital. There, they were taken to a forest, beaten and forced to undress, doused with oil and threatened with being set on fire. Their captors hacked off their hair with knives and turned them loose in the woods, the group said.

"They were able to telephone and told me they were in awful condition, barely alive."
ANNA GUTSOL, LEADER OF FEMEN

The women were able to walk from the forest to a nearby village, the statement said.

The three had bared their breasts on the steps of the KGB headquarters in Minsk on Monday in a demonstration against Lukashenko on the first anniversary of his re-election.

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Dutch TV dishes out cannibalism

Presenters to eat a small chunk of one another's fried flesh BNN has previously won international Emmy

A Dutch broadcaster — renowned for testing the limits of good taste and the law — says it will air a segment in which two presenters engage in cannibalism by eating a small chunk of one another's fried flesh.

A BNN spokesman said Tuesday the men had each had a small piece of tissue surgically removed for the stunt — one from his side and the other from his buttocks.

Presenter Dennis Storm said in a press release that his motivation was a simple desire to know how human flesh tastes.

A teaser clip for the show Guinea Pigs, which airs Wednesday, shows the two men looking on as a chef fries tiny pieces of meat in a pan.

Gerard Spong, one of the country's best-known criminal defence lawyers, is participating in the program, and was quoted saying that cannibalism is not expressly illegal in the Netherlands.

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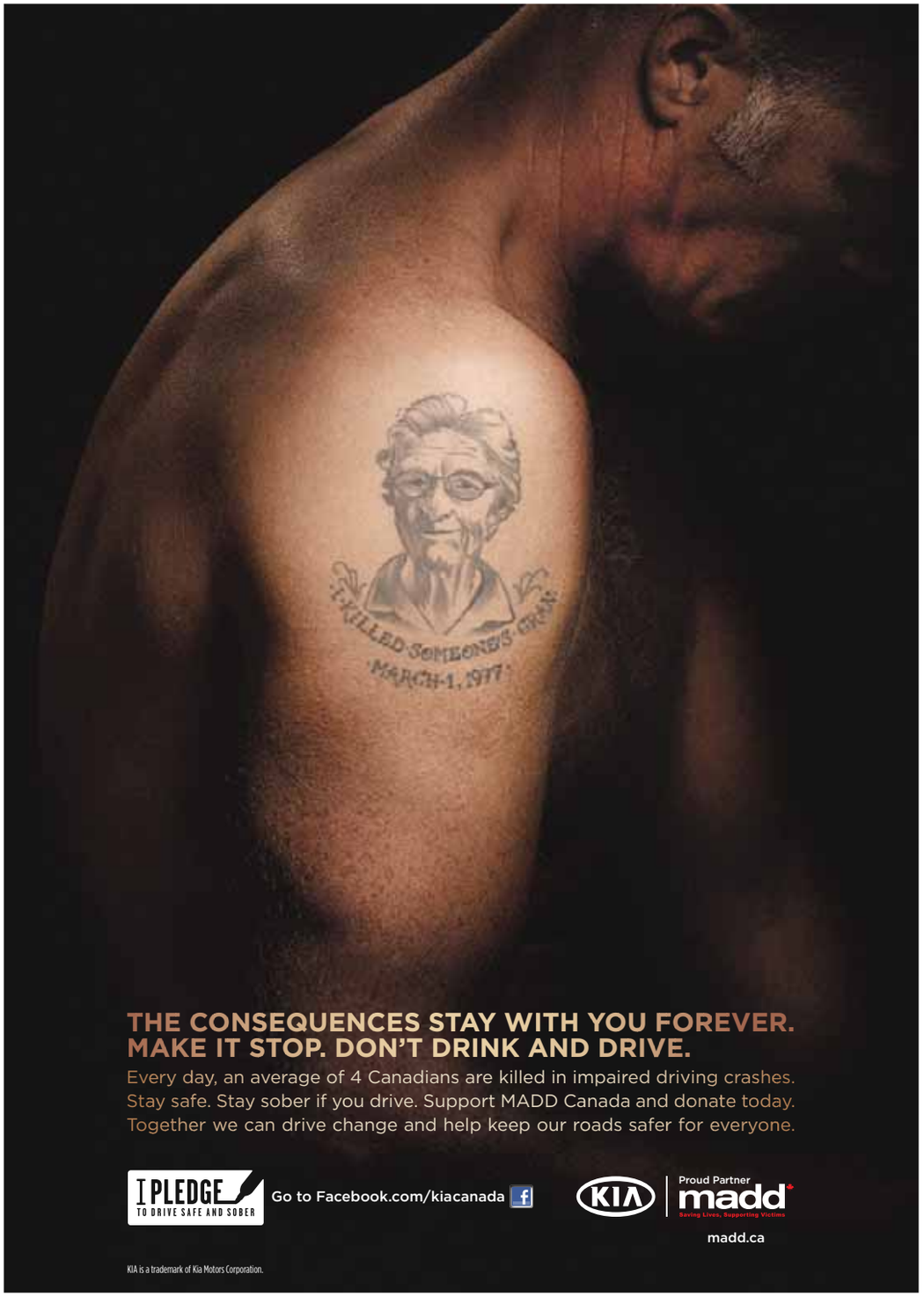
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▶ Winnipeg's Maria Aragon appears in a Gap commercial.

Canadians do well on YouTube rankings

Canadian content ranked high on YouTube's lists of the most-watched videos in 2011 but still could not top the web phenomenon that was Rebecca Black.

Black's music video for the much-derided song Friday was the most viewed video in Canada and internationally on YouTube.

In second place on both lists was Ultimate Dog Tease by Andrew Grantham, in which the Halifax native torments a talking German shepherd by teasing him about food. The video drummed up more than 74 million views since being uploaded in May.

Third on Canada's list and eighth internationally was the cover of Lady Gaga's Born This Way by Winnipeg's Maria Aragon.

Coming in at No. 10 on the Canadian list was the video entitled Emerson — Mommy's Nose is Scary! with a five-and-a-half-month-old boy reacting with horror and laughs as his mother blows her nose.

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Overall, YouTube said it processed more than one trillion video views over the course of the year.

Indonesia's punks resist crackdown

Mohawks buzzed and noses free of piercings, dozens of youths march in military style for hours beneath Indonesia's tropical sun — part of efforts by authorities to restore moral values and bring the "deviants" back into the mainstream.

But the young men and women have shown no signs of bending.

When commanders turn their backs, the shouts ring out: "Punk will never die!" Fists are thrown in the air and peace signs flashed. A few have managed briefly to escape, heads held high as they are dragged back.

Sixty-five young punk rockers arrived at this police detention centre last week after baton-wielding police crashed a concert in Aceh — the only province in this predominantly Muslim nation of 240 million to have imposed Islamic laws.

They will be released Friday, after completing 10 days of "rehabilitation," from classes on good behaviour and religion to military-style drills aimed at instilling discipline.

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▶ An inscription on a pair of slippers sitting outside a mosque at a police school in Aceh, Indonesia.

Yudi, 19, who goes by only one name, says it's not working.

He tried unsuccessfully to shake off police when they took an electric razor to his spiky mohawk. At the sight of his hair scattered in the grass, he recalls, tears rolled down his face.

"They can't change me," he insisted. "I love punk. I don't feel guilty about my lifestyle. Why should I? There's nothing wrong with it."

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Aceh's autonomy

- The crackdown marked the latest effort by authorities to promote strict moral values in Aceh, which, unlike other provinces in the sprawling archipelagic nation, enjoys semi-autonomy from the central government.
- That was part of a peace deal negotiated after the 2004 tsunami off Aceh convinced separatist rebels and the army to lay down their arms.

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Porn access on BlackBerry a concern in Britain

BlackBerry maker Research In Motion has been summoned to a meeting with the United Kingdom's telecommunications regulator amid concern that children are able to view pornography on its smartphones.

The London Telegraph reports that the problem appears to be unique to the BlackBerry, which has become increasingly popular among young users. RIM will be joined at the meeting by representatives of Britain's leading mobile networks.

While mobile phone operators have been able to apply filters to other handsets such as the iPhone, they have been unable to do so on the BlackBerry because data flows through its own services rather than those provided by the networks. RIM reportedly offered its filtering system to U.K. networks, but the offer has only been taken up by T-Mobile. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. TUESDAY

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas	Gold
+ 177.18 (11,716.88)	+ 0.79¢ (97.06¢ US)	+ 3.34¢ US ($97.22 US)	$3.128 US (+ 3.2¢ US)	$1,617.60 US (+ $20.90 US)

Inflation still high: StatsCan

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▶ Grocery prices were up 5.7 per cent in November compared with a year ago as consumers saw double-digit increases for such basics as fresh vegetables and bread, Statistics Canada reported Tuesday.

Prices rose in all areas the agency tracks across the country

Canada's annual inflation rate remained stubbornly high at 2.9 per cent last month as Canadians continued to pay considerably more for food and gasoline than they had 12 months earlier.

Statistics Canada said Tuesday that grocery prices were up 5.7 per cent in November compared with a year ago as consumers saw double-digit increases for such basics as fresh vegetables and bread. The figures included a 1.3 per cent jump from October alone. Food prices, including restaurant meals, were 4.8 per cent higher than a year earlier, the biggest such increase since July 2009, the federal agency said.

Gasoline also continued to be a key driver of annual inflation, rising 13.5 per cent in November from 12 months earlier. However, gasoline price inflation is on a downward track after peaking in May at close to 30 per cent. On a month-to-month basis, Canadians actually paid 2.3 per cent less for gas in November than they did in October.

"I think inflation may have more staying power than we expect."
DOUGLAS PORTER, BMO DEPUTY CHIEF ECONOMIST

The high cost of gasoline helped push the transportation component up 5.7 per cent, although that was less than the 6.7 per cent gain recorded in October.

Despite this, the Bank of Canada has repeatedly stressed that it is not worried about inflation even though it has remained above the bank's two per cent target for more than a year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CNN host won't give up source on McCartney message

A tense and sometimes confrontational Piers Morgan stood his ground before a judge-led inquiry into media ethics Tuesday, denying any connection to illegal phone hacking that has resulted in the closure of the newspaper he once edited and the arrest of friends and former colleagues.

But the celebrity interviewer, who edited the News of the World Sunday and the Daily Mirror, refused to answer questions about the damning link between himself and scandal — his 2006 acknowledgment that he had once listened to a poignant phone message left by former Beatle Paul McCartney for his ex-wife Heather Mills.

Mills has charged that there was no honest way Morgan could have heard the message — an allegation that could prove embarrassing to CNN, which brought the 46-year-old journalist on board in January to replace Larry King.

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▶ In this video image, CNN star interviewer Piers Morgan answers questions Tuesday from a media ethics inquiry in London from an unknown location in the U.S.

Morgan refused to go into any detail about the message. "I'm not going to discuss where I heard it or who played it to me," he told the inquiry. Pressed by the inquiry chief as to whether he could say anything to substantiate that he had obtained the message legally, Morgan said he could not. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hacking scandal

- **More than a dozen** journalists have been arrested.
- **Several other executives** with Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. have stepped down.
- **Top U.K. police officers** have resigned over failure to get grips on tabloid's illegal behaviour.

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CEO foresees shakeout in mobile industry

Constant discounts in the mobile-phone industry by new wireless companies can't last and will lead to industry consolidation, predicts the CEO of Wind Mobile. "Certainly, the promotional activity that's happening now is not sustainable," said Anthony Lacavera.

Mobilicity and Public Mobile launched in the spring of 2010 and Videotron later that fall, bringing more competition to the established players Rogers, Bell and Telus.

Lacavera is predicting that the new entrants will have to consolidate in 2012 as they get financially squeezed, but he says Wind Mobile won't be on the losing end. Public Mobile made a similar prediction, saying at least one of the two other new players — Wind or Mobilicity — would run out of money by the end of this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tobacco giant sues again over legislation

Philip Morris is challenging the Australian government again over legislation that bans corporate logos and brand imagery on packages of cigarettes.

Subsidiary Philip Morris Limited filed a lawsuit Tuesday with the country's High Court over the legislation passed in November. It requires brand names to be written in a standard font against a drab dark-brown background starting in December 2012.

The New York company says billions of dollars of valuable trademarks and investments are at stake and the government has been unable to show that plain packaging would reduce smoking rates.

Subsidiary Philip Morris Asia already has served a notice of arbitration under an investment treaty. Philip Morris International Inc. sells Marlboro and other U.S. brands abroad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIP FEARLESS HITCHENS

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

It's tough, writing an appreciation of Christopher Hitchens, the brilliant essayist and author of God Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything and the memoir Hitch 22, to name a couple.

Hitchens died last week, and an impressive array of pundits have tried to punch above their weight and write about Hitchens as well as Hitchens wrote about himself.

The results have been admirable, although we could do without the manly memoirs from those who tried to match the master drink for drink and stay on their barstools. Typical of this school is Graydon Carter, the editor of Vanity Fair, who wrote that after having more drinks at lunch than most of us have in a lifetime at lunch, they stumbled back to the office and Hitchens "produced a 1,000-word column of near perfection in under half an hour."

"When you're a writer, intellectual freedom is your most precious resource. Unless you write the truth (as you know it, in your heart) with complete fearlessness, you are producing weasel poop."

The other unsettling thing about the coverage is that it's universally by guys about a guy. Hitchens famously maintained that women aren't funny, and as far as I can tell, most women continue to hold that against him.

Otherwise, just about everything you could ever say, hope to say or imagine that someone, someday might say has been written about Christopher Hitchens. So why bother to add to the pile?

Maybe it's because, as Carter writes, "you felt as though he was writing to you and to you alone." We all had a front row seat to The Show thanks to Hitchens, who would tackle any topic on our behalf, from Mother Teresa, whom he detested as the benign, loving face of oppression, to Holocaust denier David Irving, tolerating him and his odious outlook in the name of intellectual freedom.

When you're a writer, intellectual freedom is your most precious resource. Unless you write the truth (as you know it, in your heart) with complete fearlessness, you are producing weasel poop. At best.

Hitchens was completely fearless. He proved it time and again, but most of all when he turned his back on the left to support the U.S. invasion of Iraq, arguing that "Islamofascism" is the greatest threat of our time. It started when the Ayatollah of Iran put a fatwah (a kind of assassination contract with religious trappings) on his good friend Salman Rushdie for writing The Satanic Verses.

If it weren't three sentences long, this quote about the fatwah from his memoir should be written on his tomb: "It was, if I can phrase it like this, a matter of everything I hated versus everything I loved. In the hate column: dictatorship, religion, stupidity, demagogy, censorship, bullying and intimidation. In the love column: literature, irony, humour, the individual and the defense of free expression."

Christopher Hitchens, wherever you are, let 'er RIP.

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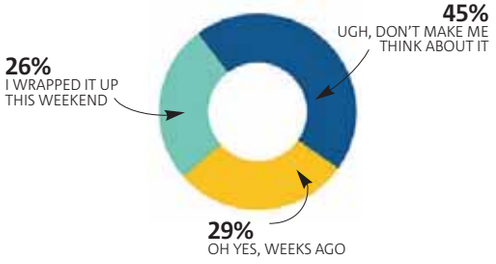

Local tweets

- **@frankappleyard:** Hey #ottawa. Anyone know of any downtown bars or pubs that are open Christmas Day?
- **@ottpak:** Need help! Anyone see where an #electricscooter is for kids? #ottawa toysrus don't seem to have them
- **@CathysCooking:** What is the best Moroccan restaurant in #Ottawa? I'm looking for a gift certificate idea?
- **@lucky_evans:** wake up everyone, it's time for intermission! #sens #sabres
- **@SamStiner:** @Richiesnipes you know I'm not a #Sens fan, and couldn't care less..just came out to see @Roy9ner
- **@JewishOttawa:** Lighting the menorah during the 1st intermission- #Hanukkah at the #Sens game! http://t.co/zUTYLvjE
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Fly battles rain to win contest

WILDLIFE. It looks like one of those classic, endearing "Hang in there, baby" motivational posters. This dragonfly in Indonesia's Riau Islands seems to cling on to a reed to brave a torrent of rain. The photo by Shikhei Goh beat 20,000 entries to win the 2011 National Geographic Photography Contest. MWN

"It suddenly rained, but the lighting was just superb. The result caused me to be overjoyed."
SHIKHEI GOH, PHOTOGRAPHER

Judges' views

- **Amy Toensing:** "When I look at it, I want to say, 'Hold on tight, little buddy!'"
- **Peter Essick"** "It's rare indeed to see a photograph that causes the viewer to feel a bond with a member of the animal world seemingly, but maybe not, so unlike our own."

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Not dead

False reports of Jon Bon Jovi's death spread online after a fake news release surfaced on social media sites. Bon Jovi released a statement Tuesday showing that he is very much still alive.
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Judge shifts legal, other expenses from executors of Michael Jackson's estate

A Swedish invasion

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo has spurred a demand for Scandinavian backdrops in new films But that's nothing new to Hollywood Sweden has always been a cinema focal point

IN FOCUS

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These days it seems there are almost as many movies set in Sweden as there are Billy bookshelves in college dorms. The original Girl with the Dragon Tattoo books and movie series kicked off a thirst for all things Scandinavian.

Headhunters, a Norwegian noir, was a big hit recently at the Toronto International Film Festival and Let the Right One In placed vampires against a snowy, stark white Swedish backdrop.

This weekend the Americanized version of Girl With the Dragon Tattoo opens, starring Daniel Craig and Rooney Mara in the roles Swedish superstars Michael Nyqvist and Noomi Repace made famous. Shot in Sweden, the movie promises open landscapes, the crunch of snow underfoot and even the odd fjord.

Suddenly, it seems people are hungry for movies from Sweden, Norway and Denmark, but there has always been a smorgasbord of cinema available from that part of the world.

No discussion of Scandinavian cinema can be complete without mentioning Ingmar Bergman. Woody Allen named him "the greatest film artist since the invention of the motion picture camera," and Francis Ford Coppola called him "my all-time favourite."

If you haven't seen The Seventh Seal or Wild Strawberries, you should; they are both classics. But you have undoubtedly seen movies inspired by or parodying Bergman's work.

His famous Seventh Seal scene of Death playing chess has been mimicked in everything from Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey to Woody Allen's play Death Knocks, which features a man playing gin rummy with Death.

More recently a Norwegian mockumenary called Troll Hunter earned praise from critics all over the world. One writer said this Blair-Witch-style story of cave-dwelling trolls and the government-sponsored hunters who track them was "destined to be a classic of its kind."

Another said, "You'll want to catch this clever movie before Hollywood ruins everything with a dumb remake."

Denmark has a thriving film industry. Since 1956 they've entered 40 flicks for Best Foreign Film consideration at the Academy Awards.

At last year's Oscars Susanne Bier's drama In a Better World beat Canada's entry Incendies to take home Best Foreign Film.

The best-known Danish films of recent years have been made by Lars von Trier, the distinctive and controversial director of Breaking the Waves and this year's Melancholia. As well known for his depressed behaviour as he is for his films, Von Trier once said, "Basically, I'm afraid of everything in life, except filmmaking."

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▶ The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo has set off a demand for all things Scandinavian.

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THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN

Genre: Drama
Director: Steven Spielberg
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Based on three of Hergé's original Tintin books, The Adventures of Tintin is a long series of clues strung together to form the story and connect the action scenes.

But despite the well-loved characters and Andy Serkis's brilliant work, this is a Steven Spielberg movie through and through.

Using a mix of motion capture and CGI he is finally able to recreate the giant set pieces he has always been fond of in boldface.

The motorcycle chase through a North African town, a plane crash in the desert and a swashbuckling flashback are all spectacular, exhilarating sequences, but they feel more Spielbergian than Tintin-ian.

I'm not sure if Hergé purists will appreciate the director's vision imposed on their beloved characters but for everyone else The Adventures of Tintin is good, escapist fun.

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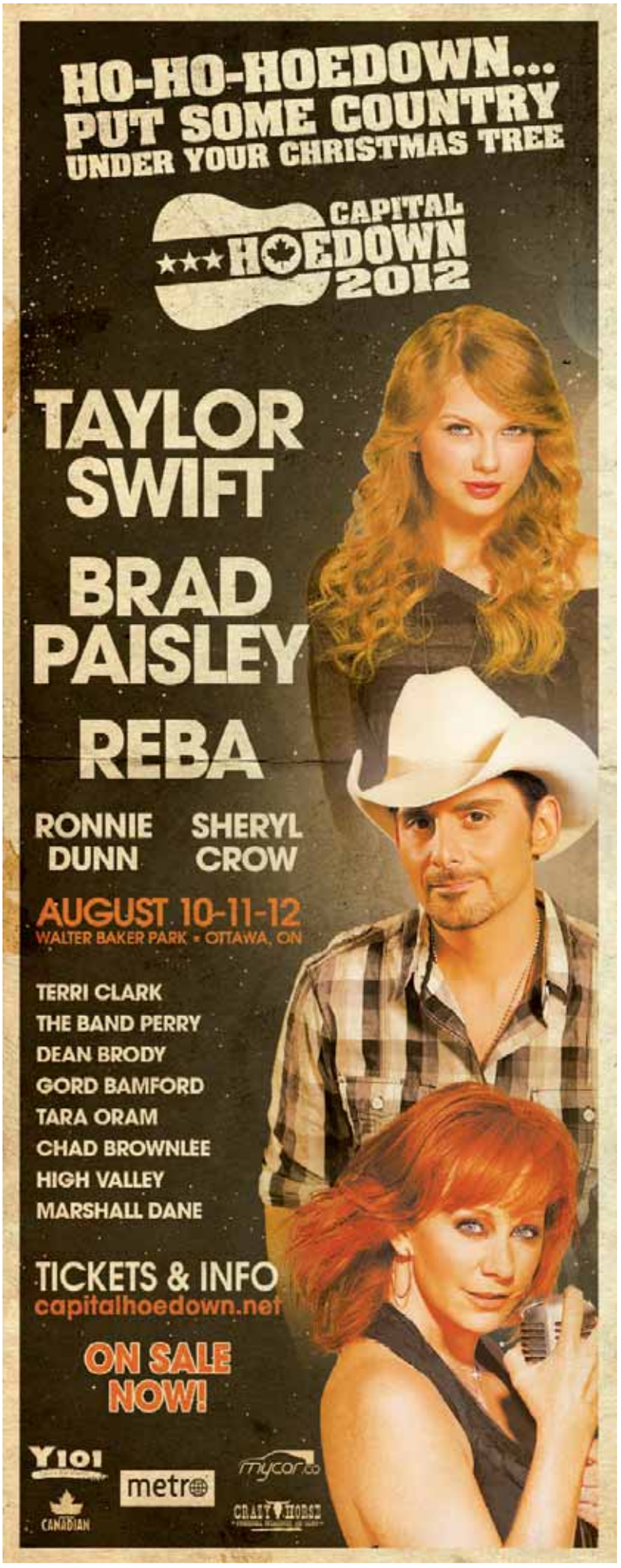

Who rocked 2011?

A look at odds and ends of music in 2011 with best hook, best comeback and best music video

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▶ Beyoncé performs on ABC's Good Morning America, in New York in July.

Sure, everyone has their list of top albums. But how do you rank the things that really resonated in pop music this year — like Nicki Minaj's ubiquity, the best song you were embarrassed to sing out loud, and the top return of the year? Here's a spotlight on some of music's other highlights.

Beyoncé

This diva released a whopping seven music videos in six months, and honestly, most of them are average.

Still got it: But Beyoncé is a killer on the dance floor, and in the Run the World (Girls) clip, her moves are infectious and mind-blowing. She still does run the music world.

Best award show performance

Kelly Rowland's live rendition of Motivation at the BET Awards reminded viewers that training alongside Beyoncé for years has a plus-side: Rowland's vocals were spot on and her sexy dance moves helped her come off like a contemporary version of Janet Jackson.

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▶ Trey Songz, left, and Kelly Rowland perform at the BET Awards in Los Angeles in June.

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▶ Adele performs at the 2011 Brit Awards at The O2 Arena in London.

Best remix:
Adele and reggae? No way!

But Jamie xx's remix of the British singer's Rolling In the Deep — dubbed Rolling In the Heat — is fun, epic and sweat-inducing.

Best guilty pleasure song:
Tonight, Tonight AND I Like It Like That by Hot Chelle Rae.

Best use of Nicki Minaj:
Last year, Nicki Minaj costarred on many songs, but this year she focused more on her solo efforts. Her best guest appearance is on David Guetta's Turn Me On, a future hit that highlights the rapper's singing chops.

Best inane lyric:
Insert LMFAO song here.

Best Katy Perry single:
Katy Perry has a slew of No.1 hits, but her best song this year was the Ke$ha-sounding party jam Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.)

It's hard not to love lyrics like: "Think I need a Ginger Ale/that was such an epic fail."

Best music video:
Swedish singer Lykke Li is hauntingly amazing in her video for I Follow Rivers, filmed on a snowy, deserted island.

It's cinematic, dramatic and classic, and by far the best music video of 2011.

Best unreleased track:
Frank Ocean's Thinking About You did not appear on his free album and it was never supposed to be a single.

He recorded a demo of the song for singer Bridget Kelly, but his version is personal and perfect, with its Maxwell-esque falsetto breakdown.

Best comeback:
While some people were impressed with Chris Brown's rap on Look at Me Now, it was Busta Rhymes who stole the show with his fantastic flow. Did we just rhyme? Oh snap!

Anyway, it was a tease and has everyone wondering: When is that album coming out, Busta?!

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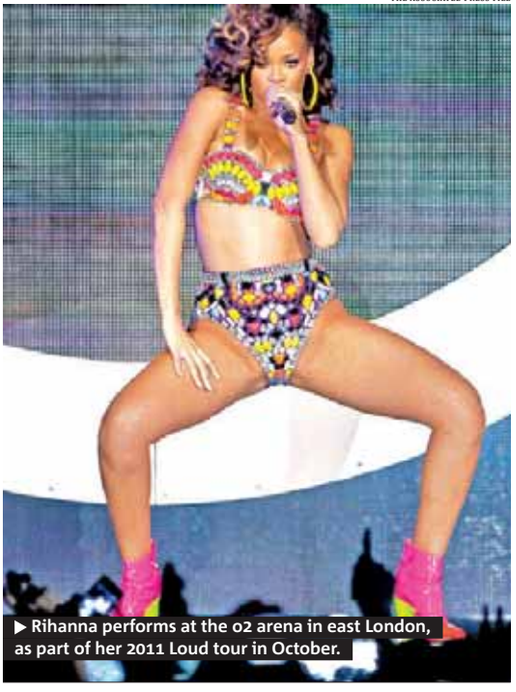

▶ Rihanna performs at the o2 arena in east London, as part of her 2011 Loud tour in October.

Best Hook: The chorus of Rihanna's S&M is downright nasty, so we can't repeat it here, but it's downright catchy, too. Na, na, na, na, c'mon!

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Toupéed reality TV star Donal Trump says because Lady Gaga performed at the 2008 Miss Universe pageant, which Trump owns, he should get all of the credit for her success.

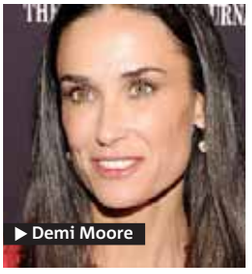
"We always have an entertainer," he says.

"We've had a lot of great people, and you don't pay them anything because it's one of the biggest audiences and my people told me, 'Nobody knows who she is but there's this woman with good talent named Lady Gaga.'

And I said, 'Give me a break.' And then they said, 'She's really good.' So I said, 'I don't care, if you like her, put her on.'"

▶ Donald Trump

Interesting. And here we always thought it was the gays who propelled Lady Gaga to international stardom. Did Donald Trump also discover Key West?



▶ Demi Moore

Moore wants to empower

The Conversation, a new talk show of which Demi Moore is executive producer, is to air next month on Lifetime with British TV personality Amanda De Cadenet as host.

The Conversation, which claims to be about empowering women, has already nabbed such guests as Lady Gaga, Gwyneth Paltrow and Jane Fonda. Apparently, they plan on "empowering women" by asking extremely successful women such questions as "What is your favourite sex position?" and "What do you lie about?"

Maybe instead of such inane questions, The Conversation would empower females more if celebs talked to women about the importance of education, birth control, and how to fight sexism in the work place. Besides, everyone knows that for Gwyneth Paltrow, the answer is "missionary." **DOROTHY ROBINSON**

Was James Franco a D-student at university?

Former New York University professor Jose Angel Santana claims the school fired him for giving James Franco a D, and he's suing to get his job back, according to the New York Post.

Santana claims the low grade was due to Franco missing 12 out of 14 classes, though he says the school sided with their famous student.

"In my opinion, they've turned the NYU graduate film degree into swag for James Franco's purposes, a possession, something you can buy," Santana tells the newspaper.

"The University has done everything in its power to curry favour with James Franco." **METRO**

James Franco

Celebrity tweets

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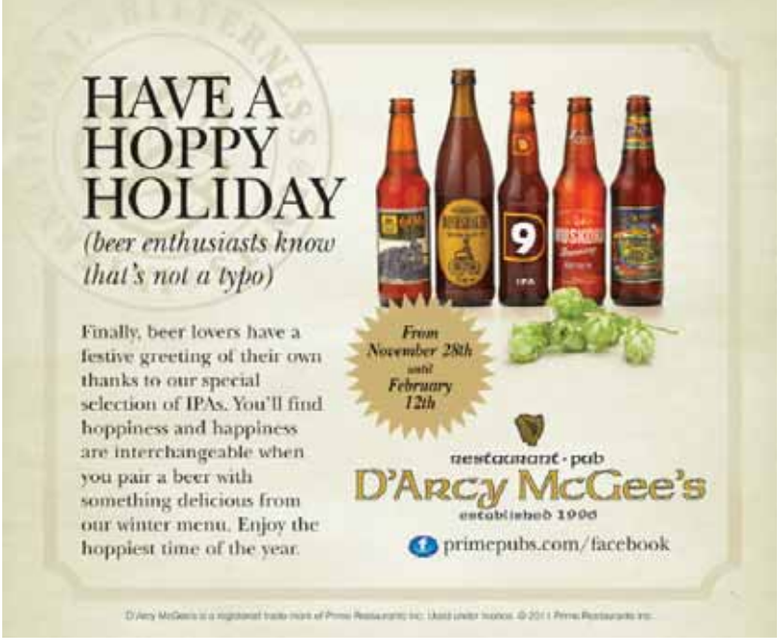
Is it wrong that the only time I've been in the gym in the last month is to buy peanut butter smoothies? I try my best to lunge in and out.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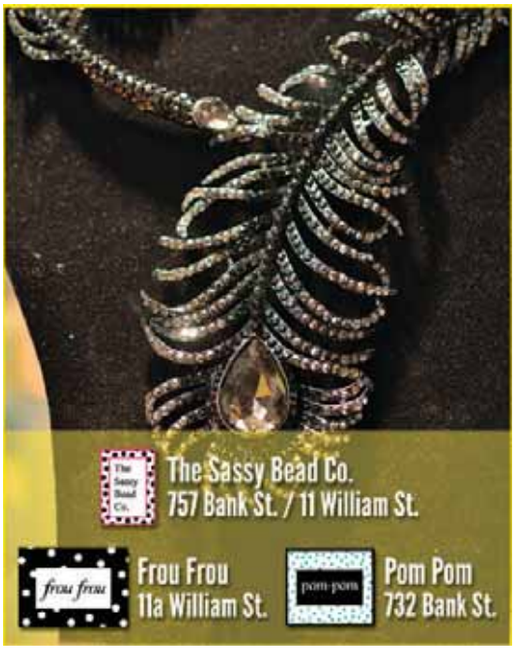

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Pacific Paradise

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'Vallarta', as locals call it, is a quaint village nestled in Banderas Bay that opens out into the Pacific Ocean. One of Mexico's most cosmopolitan cities, it's also the country's gay capital. Blessed with year round warm temperatures, the sparkling seaside town is a breath of fresh air compared to the capital Mexico City.

A hot spot for sea and art lovers, there is beauty in everything you see from the red tiled houses, cobbled streets and ocean views. Although a major tourist destination, Vallarta has managed to stay clear of clichés and remains in essence a quiet fishing village.

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First time?

On top of the endless stretch of pristine coastline, there are plenty of outdoor activities to keep you busy here. Go horseback riding along the coast, deep sea diving or fishing or for a jeep ride through the jungle. Bring some binoculars with you so that you can do a bit of bird watching at the same time. If you're brave enough, go bungee jumping into the ocean (vallarta-adventures.com). Nature lovers will enjoy a trip to the Botanical Gardens (vbgardens.org), where they will find out more about local flowers including orchids. Or go for a walk in the chocolate, coffee and vanilla garden. Spend a relaxing morning playing golf at Punta Mita Golf club at the Four Season's Hotel (fourseasons.com) or simply sunbathe at Playa Camarones (Shrimp Beach).

Been there before?

Soak up the sun at Playa Los Muertos beach, a favourite of the gay scene, or head to Mismaloya, where you can walk along the same stretch of sand where Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton filmed The Night of the Iguana in 1964.

Discover the area's unique art and culture, an integral part of daily life that isn't just limited to Vallarta's galleries but reflected in every aspect of local architecture.

The seafront walkway is adorned with beautiful sculptures: highlights include the famous Arcos arches or the Caballito sculpture of a boy on the back of a seahorse.

If you want to learn more about the local Huichol culture, visit Nueva Valle, in the neighbouring state of Nayarit.

There you can buy beautifully crafted jewelry and leather bags.

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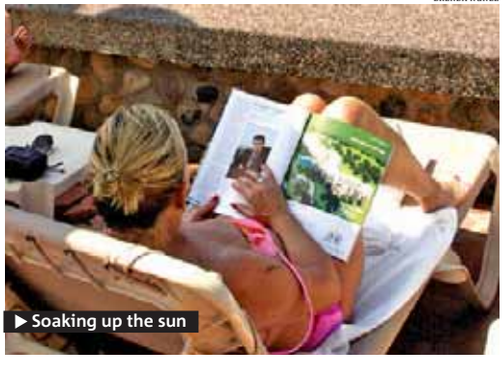

▶ Soaking up the sun

Shop

The best place to buy local souvenirs is the historic Rio Cuale Market near the Cuale River. Here you will find plenty of Huichol culture arts and crafts as well as mainstream beach dresses and wrestling masks. Shopping malls, including Galerias Vallarta Maritime and the Plaza Peninsula, are great for getting more generic souvenirs. If it's jewelry and antiques you're after, go for a stroll along the Malecón boardwalk.

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▶ Market crafts

Eat and drink!

For a traditional breakfast, head to Mama Rosa (mamarosavallarta.com). Their refried beans, empanadas and café de olla (cinnamon coffee) are the perfect start to the day. El Brujo is another great option, especially if you're a fan of molcajetes (steak, onions and white cheese in pepper sauce served with flour tortilla, beans and guacamole). Restaurant La Leche, owned by chef Alfonso Cadena (lalecherestaurant.com) is perfect for a late lunch or dinner. The decor is quirky; milk cans adorn the shelves and the food is always a surprise with a new menu is posted every night. Have a shot of tequila at La Casa del Tequila, which has more than 50 flavours to choose from.

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Travel in brief

Eight casinos on the Las Vegas Strip are planning a co-ordinated fireworks show as part of Sin City's annual New Year's Eve celebration. Officials said Wednesday that more than 56,000 effects will light up the sky as part of a nearly nine-minute show featuring a medley of songs including LMFAO's Party Rock Anthem. Eight casinos will be used as firing locations: Tropicana Las Vegas, MGM Grand, Aria, Planet Hollywood, Caesars Palace, Treasure Island, the Venetian and the Stratosphere. Tourism officials at the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority say they expect 315,000 people to celebrate the milestone in Las Vegas. Fremont Street Experience and Fremont Street East also plan celebrations downtown.

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A sweet ending to the holidays

This unique upside down cake is a nice escape from your typical frosted Christmas treats

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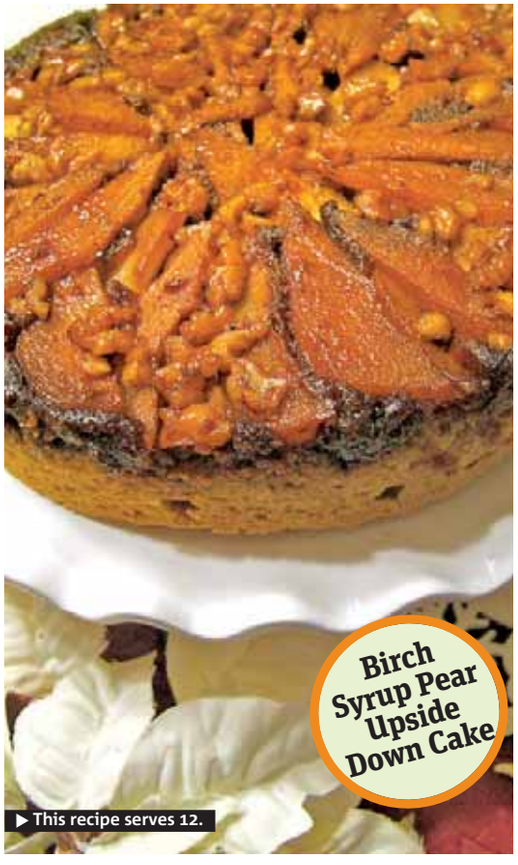

▶ This recipe serves 12.

HOLIDAY HELPER

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This stunning cake brings the sweet and vanilla scented flavour of birch syrup to pears, and it would work just as well with firm baking apples.

The dark colour of pure birch syrup enhances the cake and adds a unique flavour. Try it in other baking where you would use vanilla extract as a start.

You can make this cake ahead up to two days and warm it up slightly before serving it with a dollop of whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon

Ingredients:

- ½ cup (125 mL) butter, softened
- ¾ cup (175 mL) packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) vanilla
- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground cardamom or cinnamon
- 1 tsp (5 mL) baking powder
- ½ tsp (2 mL) baking soda
- Pinch salt
- ½ cup (125 mL) sour cream

Pear Topping:

- ⅓ cup (75 mL) pure birch syrup
- ¼ cup (50 mL) packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup (50 mL) chopped toasted pecans
- 3 ripe Bosc or Bartlett pears

Preparation:

1. Pear Topping: In saucepan, heat birch syrup, brown sugar over medium-high heat until it begins to bubble. Boil gently for 1 minute, stirring. Pour into greased 9-inch (23 cm) cake pan. Sprinkle with pecans.
2. Peel, quarter and core pears. Slice pears into about ¼ inch (5 mm) thick slices, lengthwise. Arrange over maple mixture in concentric circles overlapping each other slightly. Set aside.
3. In bowl, beat butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Beat in vanilla. In another bowl, combine flour, cardamom, baking powder, soda and salt. Alternately, stir flour mix and sour cream into butter mix making 3 additions of flour and 2 of sour cream until combined (batter will be thick).
4. Scrape into cake pan over pears. Smooth batter carefully without moving pears. Bake in 350°F (180°C) oven 40 mins. or until tester inserted in centre comes out clean. Let cool in pan 20 mins.
5. Invert cake pan onto serving plate and turn over, removing cake pan. Scrape pear from the pan onto cake. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR & TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

Drink of the week

Christmas Coffee

It's the holidays. You don't have to work, so why not make your caffeine fix a little more festive?

- 1 oz Bailey's Mint Chocolate
- .25 oz Frangelico
- .25 oz Kahlua
- Hot coffee

Stir everything with freshly brewed coffee in a large, tempered glass. Top with whipped cream — homemade tastes better, but the canned stuff will look prettier — and sprinkle with shaved dark chocolate and candy cane crumble. Replace the last two liqueurs with Irish whiskey if the sun's already set. **JOE HOWELL, TORONTO BARTENDER**

JOE HOWELL

A delicious and classic party offering

Always a family favourite, this herb enhanced onion dip is delicious served up with kettle chips.

Preparation:

1. In skillet heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onions, shallots, garlic, salt and pepper and cook 15 mins., stirring or until onions browned. If garlic begins to brown too much, add few tablespoons water; continue cooking.
2. Let mix cool 10 mins., then transfer to food processor and purée until smooth. Add cottage cheese, thyme and marjoram. Purée until smooth. Stir in chives.
3. Serve or cover and refrigerate for at least an hour for flavours to meld. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS**

Ingredients:

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 large onions, sliced
- 4 shallots, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tub (500 g) low-fat cottage cheese
- 10 ml (2 tsp) chopped marjoram
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped thyme and chives

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Dinner as an elegant affair

This Duck and Spinach Salad with Wild Blueberry Sauce makes for a beautifully plated dish when entertaining guests this holiday season

Duck is becoming easier to find in stores and is very easy to cook even for a weeknight meal.

Put pizzazz into your entertaining and treat your guests to this duck, spinach and goat cheese salad with blueberry sauce. It could serve as a starter for an elegant dinner or as a fancy luncheon dish. The classic combination of fruit and duck is also perfect served up with mashed potatoes for a classy dinner meal.

This recipe easily divides in half for a smaller houshold.

Duck and Spinach Salad with Wild Blueberry Sauce Preparation:

1 Wild Blueberry Sauce: In a skillet, heat oil in over medium heat and cook onion and garlic for about 5 minutes or until softened. Add wine, vinegar and sugar; cook until sauce is reduced by one-third. Add wild blueberries and lemon rind; cook for about 2 minutes to blend flavours; remove from heat. Add salt and pepper.

2 Wash duck breasts, pat dry and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

3 In a pan, melt butter over medium heat; sauté duck breasts for about 4 minutes per side or until crisp and browned on the outside and juicy and medium rare on the inside. Remove from pan and keep warm.

4 Divide spinach and goat cheese among 4 plates.

5 Slice duck breasts and place on top of spinach. Drizzle with hot wild blueberry dressing to serve. THE ASSOICATED PRESS/WILD BLUEBERRY ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA/ THIS RECIPE WAS ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS FOR METRO NEWS EMILY IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR & TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.

Ingredients:

- 4 boneless duck breasts
- 1 mL (1/4 tsp) each salt and pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 1.5 l (6 cups) baby spinach or other dark greens
- 125 g (4 oz) goat cheese, sliced

Wild Blueberry Sauce:

- 10 ml (2 tsp) olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) red wine
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) red wine vinegar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) packed brown sugar
- 500 mL (2 cups) frozen wild blueberries
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) grated lemon rind
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each salt and pepper

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Duck & Spinach Salad with Wild Blueberry Sauce

▶ This recipe makes four servings.

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Mix learning with living it up

One student weighs in on the importance of balancing work and play while piecing through post secondary

STUDENT VOICE

AYSHA KHALIQ
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I moved to Nova Scotia to attend school full-time. Cape Breton University (CBU) has an awesome business school where I didn't only study and learn, but I also enjoyed my life more than I ever had before.

There are many reasons why I call my time there the best days of my life. If I have to explain in a few lines, what I loved the most was the super friendly learning environment, highly qualified teachers with a lot of experience, the library — such a good source of research in physical and electronic forms, the sports complex with many free-of-cost facilities and last but not least my residence.

When I moved to Cape Breton, I did not know a single person there. In the beginning, I was quite concerned what my life would be like there without family and friends.

However, surprisingly, when I left the university, I knew many people from security guards, café workers, librarians to professors and students and I was filled with good memories from all of them. Now I am very blessed to have a big circle of wonderful family and friends on the other side of Canada too.

During my last year, with the help of my friends, professors and mentors, I decided which industry I wanted to work in. I also received some help from my university and different agencies to fix my resumé.

▶ Aysha Khaliq believes schools should have more programs in place to help students assess what direction they'd like to head in after graduation.

In the beginning of my last semester, I started applying for different jobs and I focused on the specific industry I was interested in.

In the first two months of my job search, I hardly received any calls for interviews. It was quite disappointing. However, since I had started looking early, I had enough time to find the right place in a specific industry and find the right job.

In October 2010, I graduated with an MBA and the Valedictorian designation from Cape Breton University and a few job offers.

I believe schools should have a special program in the last two semesters of graduate studies in order to help students figure out what they want to do in the future. If students have the right plan from the start, it helps them to get into the right industry too.

I feel many employers are hesitant to give any chance to first-timers. Employers: please consider them! They are often more hardworking, motivated and focused than experienced ones.

In general, my advice for students would be that our university days won't come back. We should have as much fun as we can. However, at the same time opportunity won't knock on the door again and again.

We should try to balance getting good grades, building networks, and enjoying our time.

In particular, my advice to graduate students would be that they should have a plan in their minds before their graduation.

They should start to work on the plan four to six months ahead of finishing their last semester. I understand that it's hard to find some spare time in the last semester particularly, but we all have to sacrifice to get something else done.

In the end, hard work pays off and there will be time to enjoy the dividends. **TALENTEGG.CA, CANADA'S ONLINE CAREER RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADS, WANTS TO HEAR YOUR STUDENT VOICE. SHARE IT AT TALENTEGG.CA.**

What I learned

Key take-aways from Aysha's experience

- Travel for school and work while you can. It might seem scary at first, but you'll learn and grow a lot!
- Plan the next steps in your career or education before you graduate so you're not stuck with nothing to do.
- Try to stay balanced in everything that you do — success takes hard work, networking and fun.

Where Aysha is now

Before my graduation, I was offered a few positions. I took my time making a decision and kept the idea of career advancement in my mind. Finally, I accepted a personal banking officer position at Scotiabank.

Also, before my graduation, I started to look for different volunteer roles in different organizations. I accepted a board member role at the Millwoods Family Resource Center.

I also wanted to improve my public speaking and leadership skills, so I joined Toastmasters in 2010. Since then, I have been working on getting the Competent Communicator and Competent Leadership certifications.

As well, I am studying for a Personal Financial Planner (PFP) certification in order to advance my career at Scotiabank.

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University gets ruff

Schools going to the dogs? Dorms welcoming pets

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▶ Throw me a bone, will ya?

Over the last decade, the number of pet-friendly dorms has been on the rise, albeit at a caged snail's pace. In 2010 the New York Times put the number of campuses with pet-friendly housing at just 12, and most were small, private colleges.

But 2012 may prove to be the tipping point, as many administrators in university housing say this is the hottest topic in their field.

"In local meetings of [the Association of College and University] Housing Officers, we are often the institution that people are looking for answers from on this issue," says Ben Falter, the director of housing at Stetson University in Florida. Stetson currently has 60 pet-friendly individual units on campus. "People are really pressing to know how to do it and how it's working for us."

Stetson became pet-friendly in 2010, after incoming president Wendy B. Libby pressed the issue. Libby is the former president of Stephens College, ranked second-most pet-friendly school in the nation by Petside.com.

But even at the most liberal colleges, many administrators still see pitfalls.

"We had a lot of discussion around things like, will dorms be inspected to ensure that animals are well cared for? Who will be responsible for that? How will we set standards?" says Unity College's assistant professor of wildlife, Sarah Cunningham. Unity decided against pet-friendly dorms this year. "You have to have a plan to make sure you're taking care of these animals humanely if, as a college, you're going to be responsible for students having animals."

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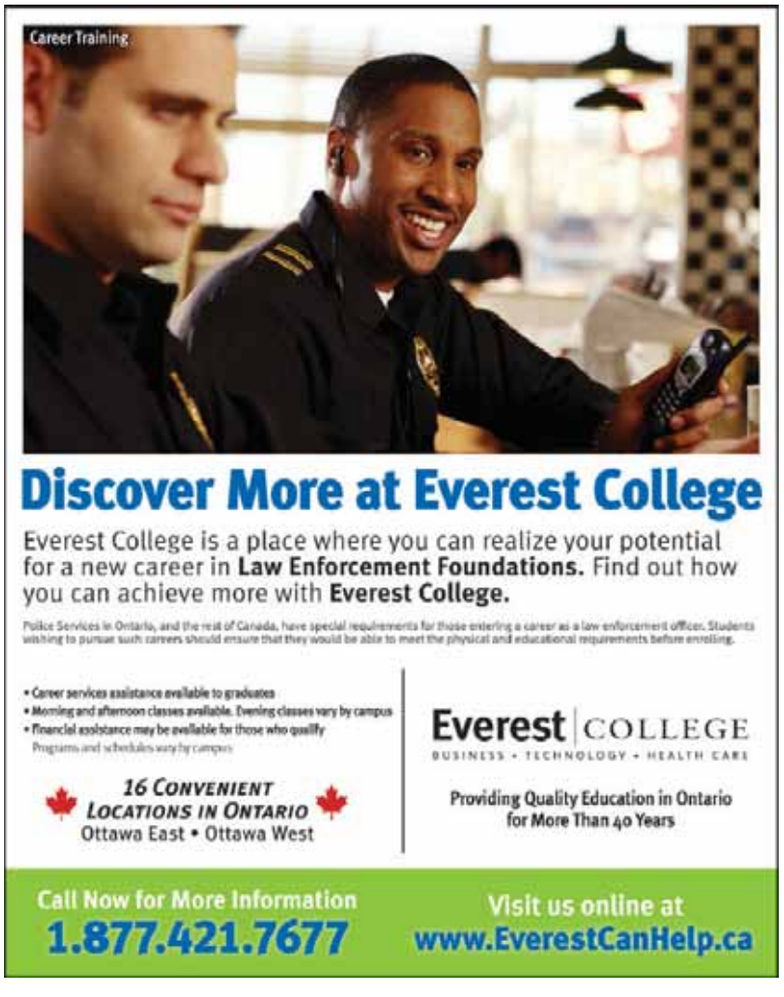
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A coach 'caught in a storm'

Carbonneau says Cunneyworth must learn French 'to some extent' to survive as Habs coach

Guy Carbonneau can feel for Randy Cunneyworth, but he also believes the new coach of the Montreal Canadiens should learn to speak French as quickly as he can.

"He's living a dream, which is doing what he loves for one of the best franchises in the NHL, and he's caught in a storm," said Carbonneau, a former Canadiens captain and coach. "It's premature. You have to give him a chance to show what he can do and if he's willing to learn.

"But there's no doubt in my mind that the coach of the Montreal Canadiens has to speak both languages, at least to some extent."

The Toronto-born Cunneyworth, the first unilingual English coach the club has had since Al McNeil in 1970-71, landed in a swirl of controversy when he was made interim head coach after the firing of Jacques Martin on Saturday.

The language debate was still raging Wednesday.

Many see the Canadiens as not only a hockey team, but as an institution representing the French-Canadian people, and that its coach should speak the language of the majority of its fans.

Canadiens legend and former general manager Serge Savard blasted the move, saying the team "belongs to the people." Team owner Geoff Molson was moved to issue a statement that underlined the job is "interim" and that next season there will be a French-speaking coach, whether it is Cunneyworth or someone else.

Cunneyworth has said he hopes to learn French.

"Its one thing to say he's willing to learn it and another to actually learn it," said Carbonneau. "I don't know where learning French is going to fit in his schedule."

That the struggling team has lost its first two games under Cunneyworth has not helped his cause, and the French-language Le Journal de Montreal made sure he understood by printing its front-page headline in English: "Another Loss For Cunneyworth" it read.

Cunneyworth is a highly regarded coaching prospect who moved to Montreal as an assistant coach after guiding its Hamilton farm club to a strong 2010-11 campaign.

Some suggested Quebecers would be more willing to accept an English-speaking coach if it was a big name with a proven winning record, like Detroit's Mike Babcock, but not a debut NHL coach like Cunneyworth.

Others see the Canadiens as a conduit to the NHL for French-speaking coaches not likely to get a chance with other clubs.

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▶ The Canadiens lost 3-2 to the Bruins in Boston in Randy Cunneyworth's second game as head coach on Monday night

French on the bench

Randy Cunneyworth is the first unilingual coach of the Montreal Canadiens since Al MacNeil in 1970-71.

After McNeil, a powerhouse Canadiens team was coached for eight years by Scotty Bowman, who spoke so-so-French, a bit better than Bob Berry, who coached from 1981 to 1984. After that, an unbroken line of fluent French speakers went from Jacques Lemaire to Jean Perron, Pat Burns, Jacques Demers, Jacques Laperriere (one game), Mario Tremblay, Alain Vigneault, Michel Therrien, Claude Julien, Guy Carbonneau and Jacques Martin, with two short terms for the bilingual Bob Gainey. The 40-year string ends with Randy Cunneyworth.

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Quoted

"Tim Tebow's not going anywhere. I mean, he's going to be a Bronco and we're going to do everything we can and hopefully he's that guy."

DENVER BRONCOS BOSS JOHN ELWAY OFFERS A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR QUARTERBACK TIM TEBOW.

Sutter set to take over as Kings coach

Darryl Sutter will be the Los Angeles Kings' next head coach, general manager Dean Lombardi announced Tuesday.

Sutter will assume his duties beginning with practice Wednesday, after which the club will hold a news conference to introduce him. He takes over a Kings team (15-14-4) that entered Tuesday three points out of a playoff spot in the Western Conference with the second-fewest goals in the league — just three more than the New York Islanders. The Kings are currently riding a streak of 12 consecutive games in which they've scored no more than two goals in regulation.

The Kings, whose next game is Thursday night in L.A. against the struggling Anaheim Ducks, fired coach Terry Murray on Dec. 12 in Boston before starting a four-game road trip. Assistant coach John Stevens was 2-2 on an interim basis.

It's the ninth time in franchise history the Kings will finish a season with a different coach than the one they started with. They made the playoffs on three of those occasions.

Sutter, 53, has a career regular-season record of 409-320-131 and 47-54 mark in the playoffs. He has won division titles as coach in Chicago, San Jose and Calgary.

He also was general manager of the Flames from the 2003-04 season until he resigned Dec. 28, 2010, with the team sitting last in the Western Conference.

Sutter is one of nine head coaches in NHL history to lead at least three different clubs to 100 wins.

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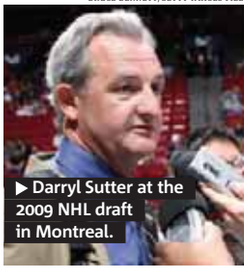

▶ Darryl Sutter at the 2009 NHL draft in Montreal.

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Darryl Sutter-coached teams have made the playoffs in 10 of his 12 seasons on the bench, including in 2004 when his Calgary Flames made the Stanley Cup final.

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▶ The Texas Rangers have won the rights to negotiate with Yu Darvish.

Jays GM stays quiet on Darvish

Anthopoulos won't even confirm if Toronto made a bid on the Japanese pitching star, but sources inside baseball say the team offered more than $50 million Focus is in on the trade market, GM says

A rare baseball buzz was built in Toronto over the last week after reports indicated the Blue Jays were a contender in the Yu Darvish sweepstakes.

Instead, the Texas Rangers secured the negotiating rights to the Japanese pitcher Monday night with a record bid worth a reported $51.7 million US. Sources in baseball insist that the Jays' bid for the 25-year-old Japanese star was more than $50 million.

With the bid process generating plenty of ink, Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos held a conference call Tuesday to address a flood of interview requests.

However, Anthopoulos had little to say and wouldn't confirm whether the Blue Jays even put in a bid.

"I try to operate close to the vest when it comes to free agency and things like that," Anthopoulos said. "And I think it's worked to our advantage in a lot of ways in our ability to make trades and so on. I think I've been consistent with what our plans have been, that our desire first and foremost is to try to explore the trade market.

"It's not a bottomless pit. I have what I have available and I'm going to make that work and we're going to try to put a competitive and world championship club on the field. "

GM ALEX ANTHOPOULOS ON THE JAYS' BUDGET

"We won't rule out the free-agent market, but right now with where we're at and what we have to work with, the trade market makes more sense for us and that hasn't changed."

Anthopoulos was pressed a few times on why he wouldn't reveal whether or not the team put in a bid. The 34-year-old GM wouldn't bite, adding he feels it's important to operate quietly when it comes to front-office matters.

"I think it's one thing to say you were in on a minor-league free agent, it's another thing to say you were in on a premium, high-end free agent, that the dollars were going to be significant," he said. "Ultimately I think that's an indication to both clubs and to agents of where your payroll may be going and what you can and can't do."

Darvish is considered the best pitcher in the Japanese pro leagues and several of baseball's biggest spenders were thought to be interested in him.

Bidding for the posting fee closed last Wednesday, and the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters had until 5 p.m. ET on Tuesday to accept. The fee will be paid only if a contract agreement is reached with Darvish's agents.

If a deal is not finalized with the Rangers, Darvish returns to the Fighters for another season.

Toronto catcher J.P. Arencibia did his part to make Jays fans feel better by weighing in with a tweet on the risks of the process.

"Think about it fans ... 50 mill posting fee, plus what he gets in contract. ... Could be paying someone 150 mill who's not proven in MLB!" he said on Twitter.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Boston	32	22	9	0	1	111	63	45	12-6-0-1	10-3-0-0	8-2-0-0	W5
d-Philadelphia	32	20	8	2	2	112	94	44	8-5-1-1	12-3-1-1	7-2-0-1	L2
d-Florida	33	18	9	2	4	90	84	42	8-2-1-4	10-7-1-0	6-2-1-1	W2
NY Rangers	30	18	8	1	3	87	67	40	8-3-0-2	10-5-1-1	6-3-0-1	W1
Pittsburgh	33	18	11	2	2	107	88	40	9-4-2-0	9-7-0-2	5-5-0-0	W1
New Jersey	32	18	13	0	1	90	92	37	7-5-0-1	11-8-0-0	6-4-0-0	W4
Toronto	33	16	13	2	2	102	108	36	7-5-2-2	9-8-0-0	3-5-2-0	L3
Buffalo	32	16	13	2	1	89	94	35	8-9-2-1	8-4-0-0	4-4-2-0	L1
Winnipeg	32	15	13	3	1	89	97	34	11-5-0-0	4-8-3-1	6-4-0-0	W1
Ottawa	33	15	14	2	2	102	116	34	8-7-0-1	7-7-2-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Washington	31	16	14	0	1	91	96	33	10-5-0-1	6-9-0-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Montreal	34	13	14	2	5	87	92	33	5-7-2-4	8-7-0-1	3-4-0-3	L3
Tampa Bay	32	14	16	0	2	87	107	30	8-5-0-0	6-11-0-2	3-7-0-0	W2
NY Islanders	30	10	14	4	2	69	97	26	6-8-3-0	4-6-1-2	5-3-2-1	W1
Carolina	34	10	18	4	2	86	116	26	6-9-0-2	4-9-4-0	2-6-2-0	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Chicago	33	21	8	1	3	111	98	46	11-2-0-3	10-6-1-0	8-1-0-1	W5
d-Minnesota	34	20	9	2	3	84	76	45	10-4-1-2	10-5-1-1	6-2-0-2	L4
d-Dallas	32	19	12	0	1	85	89	39	10-4-0-1	9-8-0-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Detroit	32	21	10	1	0	107	71	43	13-2-1-0	8-8-0-0	7-3-0-0	W2
St. Louis	32	19	9	0	4	82	69	42	13-3-0-1	6-6-0-3	7-1-0-2	W1
Vancouver	33	20	11	0	2	110	80	42	9-4-0-1	11-7-0-1	7-2-0-1	W2
Nashville	32	17	11	3	1	85	84	38	8-5-2-1	9-6-1-0	7-3-0-0	W5
San Jose	30	17	10	2	1	86	74	37	10-6-1-0	7-4-1-1	4-4-1-1	W2
Phoenix	32	16	13	1	2	84	85	35	7-7-1-1	9-6-0-1	4-6-0-0	L1
Los Angeles	33	15	14	2	2	72	81	34	8-9-0-1	7-5-2-1	4-6-0-0	W1
Colorado	34	16	17	1	0	91	102	33	10-9-0-0	6-8-1-0	6-4-0-0	W2
Calgary	33	14	15	2	2	82	94	32	8-5-1-1	6-10-1-1	4-3-1-2	L4
Edmonton	33	14	16	0	3	89	90	31	9-6-0-2	5-10-0-1	2-7-0-1	L4
Anaheim	33	9	19	2	3	78	110	23	7-9-1-0	2-10-1-3	3-6-1-0	L3
Columbus	33	9	20	1	3	80	111	22	6-10-1-1	3-10-0-2	3-6-1-0	L3

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey
Nashville at Washington
Chicago at Pittsburgh
Buffalo at Ottawa
Phoenix at Florida
N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg
Minnesota at Calgary
Monday's results
Boston 3 Montreal 2
Detroit 3 Edmonton 2
Los Angeles 3 Toronto 2 (SO)
Vancouver 4 Minnesota 0
Colorado 3 Philadelphia 2 (SO)
Dallas 5 Anaheim 3
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Phoenix at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Friday's games
Florida at Boston, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

LATE MONDAY

KINGS 3, MAPLE LEAFS 2 (SO)
First Period
1. Los Angeles, Williams 5 (Doughty, Scuderi) 7:54
2. Toronto, Liles 4 (Bozak) 11:01
Penalties — Westgarth LA (holding) 5:19, Clifford LA, Rosehill Tor (fighting) 7:57, Lupul Tor (slashing) 11:47, Lewis LA (tripping) 14:29, Greene LA (roughing), Schenn Tor (boarding) 18:47, Phaneuf Tor (cross-checking) 19:23.
Second Period
3. Los Angeles, Brown 7 (Gagne, Kopitar) 14:58 (pp)
Penalties — Westgarth LA (high-sticking) 4:49, Schenn Tor (tripping) 14:05, Williams LA (high-sticking) 15:23, Franson Tor (interference) 17:44, Brown LA (high-sticking) 18:12.
Third Period
4. Toronto, Frattin 4 (Grabovski, Kulemin) 2:56
Penalty — Liles Tor (cross-checking) 4:09.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout
Los Angeles wins 1-0
Los Angeles (1) — Stoll, miss; Kopitar, miss; Brown, goal. **Toronto (0)** — Kessel, miss; Frattin, miss; Lupul, miss.
Shots

Los Angeles	14	16	10	2—42
Toronto	15	4	10	4—33

Goal — Los Angeles: Quick (W,13-10-4); Toronto: Reimer (L,5-3-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 1-5; Toronto: 0-5.
Referees — Greg Kimmerly, Chris Rooney.
Linesmen — David Brisebois, Brad Kovachik.
Attendance — 19,525 (18,819) at Toronto.

BRUINS 3, CANADIENS 2
First Period
1. Boston, Pouliot 6 (Peverley) 12:13
2. Montreal, Plekanec 7 (Cammalleri, Moen) 13:26
Penalties — None.
Second Period
3. Boston, Krejci 6 (Ference) 2:42
Penalties — Horton Bos (hooking) 3:50, Gorges Mtl (interference) 11:24, Leblanc Mtl (double high-sticking) 16:23.
Third Period
4. Boston, Marchand 12 (Seguin, Bergeron) 14:14
5. Montreal, Cole 13 (Desharnais, Pacioretty) 18:46
Penalty — Hamill Bos (cross-checking) 5:44.
Shots

Montreal	9	9	17	35
Boston	9	11	11	31

Goal — Montreal: Price (L,12-11-7); Boston: Thomas (W,16-5-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Montreal: 0-2; Boston: 0-3.
Referees — Paul Devorski, Rob Martell. **Linesmen** — Pierre Champoux, Bryan Pancich.
Attendance — 17,565 (17,565) at Boston.

RED WINGS 3, OILERS 2
First Period
1. Detroit, Cleary 8 (Kindl) 4:33
Penalties — Ericsson Det (hooking) 13:44, White Det (tripping) 14:48.
Second Period
2. Edmonton, Jones 11 (Gagner, Belanger) 2:37
3. Detroit, Hudler 7 (Zetterberg, Filppula) 14:36
4. Edmonton, Eberle 13 (Nugent-Hopkins, Hall) 19:59 (pp)
Penalties — Miller Det (interference) 6:09, Eager Edm (interference) 8:38, Ericsson Det (interference) 19:16.
Third Period
5. Detroit, Miller 6 (Lidstrom, Helm) 15:45
Penalties — Horcoff Edm (high-sticking) 5:22, Kronwall Det (delay of game) 16:58.
Shots

Detroit	7	11	10	28
Edmonton	10	8	6	28

Goal — Detroit: Howard (W,20-7-1); Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,10-8-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Detroit: 0-2; Edmonton: 1-5.
Referees — Stephen Walkom, Brad Watson.
Linesmen — Derek Nansen, Dan Schachte.
Attendance — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

CANUCKS 4, WILD 0
First Period
1. Vancouver, H. Sedin 9 (D. Sedin, Edler) 18:52 (pp)
Penalty — Gillies Min (hooking) 17:52.
Second Period
2. Vancouver, Kesler 8 (D. Sedin, H. Sedin) 10:28 (pp)
3. Vancouver, Burrows 12 (D. Sedin, H. Sedin) 18:01
Penalties — Powe Min (holding) 2:36, Kesler Vcr (tripping) 7:25, Heatley Min (high-sticking) 8:38.
Third Period
4. Vancouver, Hansen 11 (Hodgson, Malhotra) 16:34
Penalties — Staubitz Min, Alberts Vcr (fighting) 5:32.
Shots

Minnesota	13	9	11	33
Vancouver	11	11	11	33

Goal — Minnesota: Backstrom (L,11-7-4); Vancouver: Luongo (W,13-6-2).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Minnesota: 0-1; Vancouver: 2-3.
Referees — Mike Hasenfratz, Marc Joannette.
Linesmen — Mike Cvik, Vaughan Rody.
Attendance — 18,860 at Vancouver.

HOCKEY

2012 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
All Times Eastern

EXHBITION SCHEDULE
Last night's results
At Red Deer, Alta.
U.S. vs. Russia
At Okotoks, Alta.
Czech Republic vs. Latvia
At Olds, Alta.
Sweden vs. Denmark
Monday's result
At Calgary
Canada 3 Finland 1
Tonight's games
At Calgary
Slovakia vs. Finland, 9 p.m.
At Camrose, Alta.
U.S. vs. Switzerland, 9:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
At Red Deer, Alta.
Canada vs. Switzerland, 9 p.m.
At Brooks, Alta.
Latvia vs. Denmark, 9 p.m.
At Lethbridge, Alta.
Russia vs. Czech Republic, 9 p.m.
Friday's games
At Edmonton
Canada vs. Sweden, 9:30 p.m.
At Three Hills, Alta.
U.S. vs. Slovakia, 9 p.m.

PRELIMINARY ROUND
Monday, Dec. 26
At Edmonton
Canada vs. Finland, 3:30 p.m.
U.S. vs. Denmark, 8 p.m.
At Calgary
Sweden vs. Latvia, 5:30 p.m.
Russia vs. Switzerland, 10 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 27
At Edmonton
Denmark vs. Czech Republic, 8 p.m.
At Calgary
Latvia vs. Slovakia, 10 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 28
At Edmonton
Finland vs. U.S., 3:30 p.m.
Czech Republic vs. **Canada**, 8 p.m.
At Calgary
Switzerland vs. Sweden, 5:30 p.m.
Slovakia vs. Russia, 10 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NCAA BOWL GLANCE
All Times Eastern
(subject to change)
Last night's result
BEEF 'O'BRADY'S BOWL
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Marshall (6-6) vs. FIU (8-4)
Tonight's games
POINSETTIA BOWL
At San Diego
Texas Christian (10-2) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-4), 8p.m.
Tomorrow's game
MAACO BOWL
At Las Vegas
Boise State (11-1) vs. Arizona State (6-6), 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
HAWAII BOWL
At Honolulu
Nevada (7-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (11-2), 8 p.m.

SOCCER

ENGLAND
PREMIER LEAGUE
Yesterday's results
Blackburn 1 Bolton 2
Wolverhampton Wanderers 2 Norwich 2

SPAIN
COPA DEL REY
FOURTH ROUND — RETURN LEG
Yesterday's results
Real Madrid 5 Ponferradina 1
(Real Madrid advances 7-1 on aggregate)
Sporting Gijon 0, Mallorca 2
(Mallorca advances 2-1 on aggregate)
Espanyol 4 Celta Vigo 2
(Espanyol advances 4-2 on aggregate)
Sevilla 2 San Roque 1
(Sevilla advances 3-1 on aggregate)

GERMANY
GERMAN CUP
THIRD ROUND
Yesterday's results
Bochum 1 Bayern Munich 2
Nuremberg 0 Greuther Fuerth 1
Hoffenheim 2 Augsburg 1
Fortuna Duesseldorf 0 Borussia Dortmund 0
(Dortmund wins 5-4 on penalty kicks)

ITALY
SERIE A
Yesterday's results
Siena 0 Fiorentina 0
Cagliari 0 AC Milan 2

FRANCE
LIGUE 1
Yesterday's result
Nancy 1 Marseille 3

NBA

PRE-SEASON
Last night's results
Washington at Philadelphia
Detroit at Cleveland
Indiana at Chicago
Dallas at Oklahoma City
Phoenix at Denver
Golden State at Sacramento
Monday's results
Charlotte 79 Atlanta 77
Portland 110 Utah 90
L.A. Clippers 114 L.A. Lakers 95
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	11	3	0	.786	437	297
N.Y. Jets	8	6	0	.571	346	315
Miami	5	9	0	.357	286	269
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	311	371
SOUTH						
y-Houston	10	4	0	.714	343	236
Tennessee	7	7	0	.500	279	278
Jacksonville	4	10	0	.286	207	293
Indianapolis	1	13	0	.071	211	395
NORTH						
x-Baltimore	10	4	0	.714	334	236
x-Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714	285	218
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	305	283
Cleveland	4	10	0	.286	195	274
WEST						
Denver	8	6	0	.571	292	343
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	317	382
San Diego	7	7	0	.500	358	313
Kansas City	6	8	0	.429	192	319

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	348	296
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	.500	334	372
Philadelphia	6	8	0	.429	342	311
Washington	5	9	0	.357	252	300
SOUTH						
x-New Orleans	11	3	0	.786	457	306
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643	341	281
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	341	368
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	247	401
NORTH						
y-Green Bay	13	1	0	.929	480	297
Detroit	9	5	0	.643	395	332
Chicago	7	7	0	.500	315	293
Minnesota	2	12	0	.143	294	406
WEST						
y-San Francisco	11	3	0	.786	327	185
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	284	273
Arizona	7	7	0	.500	273	305
St. Louis	2	12	0	.143	166	346

x-clinched playoff spot; **y**-clinched division
WEEK 15
Monday's result
San Francisco 20 Pittsburgh 3
WEEK 16
Tomorrow's game
All Times Eastern
Houston at Indianapolis, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday's games
Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Denver at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Detroit, 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 25
Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 26
Atlanta at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

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Cargo

The interior has been given the update treatment, providing a slightly enlarged passenger area but at the expense of slightly reduced cargo volume.

This time, though, maximizing the load floor is a snap with the new fold-down rear seat that operates by flipping a pair of levers located just inside the tailgate.

Fuel consumption

Fuel consumption has improved to 9.0 l/100 km city and 6.4 highway for front-wheel-drive models (formerly 10.5/7.3). All-wheel-drive models are rated at 9.2 l/100 km city and 6.6 highway (previously 10.1/7.5).

The improvements are attributed to a new anti-friction coating for the pistons, a faster-activating on-demand AWD system as well as a revised five-speed automatic transmission.

Engine, steering

Getting CR-V owners to work, the gym, or the daycare is a revised 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine that makes 185 horsepower and 163 pound-feet of torque, which is slightly more than the previous 2.4.

From observation, Honda engineers have largely succeeded at smoothing out the CR-V's ride and creating a quieter interior. On the down side, the newly installed "Motion-Adaptive" electric power-assisted steering (called EPAS) feels a bit numb, especially when driving straight down the highway.

▶ Subtle changes are sometimes the best: reorganizing a few lines at the back creates this dramatic profile.

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Of course Honda's popular tall wagon isn't just for active women with toddlers in tow, but according to the automaker, the "cool moms" segment makes up, or significantly influences, the largest portion of CR-V buyers. They, along with others seeking a roomy ride with all-weather, all-road capability, will appreciate the vehicle's car-like behaviour and economical operation.

CR-V devotees will not easily spot the latest version of Honda's compact "cute ute" since it closely mirrors the outgoing version in all key exterior dimensions.

What's more, the general shape remains only moderately tinkered-with, including updated nose and tail section plus a more dramatically shaped rear roof pillar that introduces a bit more drama to the vehicle's styling. Honda claims that the new CR-V's shape, along with modifications to the undercarriage to increase air flow, has reduced fuel-robbing aerodynamic drag by eight per cent.

Honda seems content with not rocking the boat with its latest CR-V, perhaps sensing that the time isn't quite right to introduce a totally clean-sheet design.

The cool-mom crowd would likely agree.

5 drive

By comparison

Chevrolet Equinox
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Christmas gift Ideas

So you haven't started your Christmas shopping yet, but you still want to be inventive and original with your gifts Well, if you've got an auto-lover on your list, this is a good start

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A phone gasket?
There are all sorts of protective cases available for the Apple iPhone 4, but one of the coolest for automotive fanatics has to be the Gasket case from id America. The product, which was inspired by an automobile cylinder-head gasket, fits over the back of the phone. It's made of lightweight brushed aluminum and comes with a non-scratch suede inner liner for added protection. About $30, idcase.com.

A graphic display
Sculptor Sal Erato's three-dimensional images are made using fibreglass resin forms attached to a solid wood background and brush painted to suit the purchaser. His subjects include a number of famous racing and street cars, including Corvettes, Cobras, Ferraris, Porsches and so on. Prices generally range in the $1,100-$2,500. salerato.com.

Hamilton's brain bucket
The McLaren Formula One racing team's gift shop will sell you a half-scale replica of driver Lewis Hamilton's helmet for just $100. The real thing is $30,000. The small version is made of fibreglass and is correct right down to the tilting visor, inside foam padding and logos. There's a similar helmet done up in Jensen Button's colours. mclarenshop.com.

The right racing formula
The Ferrari Virtual Academy uses the original Computer Aided Design (CAD) engineering schematics for the 2010 season's Formula One race car. The downloadable software features three different race courses. Go all out at each venue then post your time to see how well you perform against the rest of the world. Just 14.90 euro, or about $21.50 US, ferrarivirtualacademy.com.

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Hyundai XG delivered affordable luxury

SECOND GEAR

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Like the Azera and Genesis that came after it, the Hyundai XG350 aimed to give shoppers a cut-price taste of the automotive high-life.

Sure, it's a cheap Korean knock-off luxury car, but in a good way.

Hyundai created a luxurious atmosphere, installed plenty of hardware and priced the entire thing for the relative masses.

2001-2005 Hyundai XG350

Engine

Look for a 3.5-litre V-6 engine, automatic transmission and front-wheel drive in all models — other than the 2001.

For that year, the car was called the XG300, due to its smaller 3-litre, 190-horsepower V-6.

What owners like

Owners like the XG's ride, interior styling, comfort levels and generous equipment list. Few reported issues with interior roominess or trunk space. Styling was also typically rated highly.

What owners dislike

Common complaints include road noise, a dim instrument panel and sub-par audio components.

Fuel mileage is also rated somewhat poorly.

Common issues

Several owners report niggling electronic and sensor-related issues, so ensure all accessories function as expected and look for any "Check Engine" or "Airbag/SRS" lights in the instrument cluster.

Note the engine's performance, particularly when accelerating from a stop. Some owners report inconsistent responses from the throttle, ranging from "lurching" off the line to a lack of power. This may be accompanied by trouble codes or a check-engine light.

Verdict

The main draw to the XG350 as a used car should be its price. Have the vehicle inspected by a Hyundai mechanic and spend a bit of the cost savings on the extended warranty, if available.

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The bad roads make good cars at auto test facilities

DRIVING FORCE

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Before any new vehicle design makes it to market, it must undergo extensive testing, with much of it done at special facilities called proving grounds. These contain the same road conditions as you'd find in the real world, including broken concrete and potholes.

The difference is that while real roads start out smooth and gradually deteriorate, the rough ones in proving grounds have to be made that way right from the start.

"We've got a wide variety of roads that we use," says Frank Barhorst, supervisor of the Product Usage Measurements and Applications at General Motors' facility in Milford, Michigan.

"We test on bad roads and good roads. It all depends on what you're looking for."

The Milford Proving Grounds contains a wide variety of surfaces, including smooth asphalt, worn concrete, gravel roads and closely-set ridges called chatter bumps, along with a railway crossing, highway overpass and off-road courses. Engineers drive over the surfaces to evaluate such considerations as handling, durability and vehicle noise, including interior squeaks and rattles.

The rough roads don't have to look like the real thing, but they must accurately reproduce the same conditions. Milford's "potholes" are actually made of metal and set into the road surface.

The engineers can even recreate actual roads, using an innovative scanner that produces a 3-D digital representation in millimeters as it's driven along.

The digital data is used both for the test road and for a computer simulation used during the vehicle's initial design.

"We can predict the loads that a vehicle will see before one's even built," Barhorst says. "That's the best way to do this type of work."

The simulation is so accurate that driving the real car on the real road usually just confirms what the computer predicted.

One of the toughest things can be finding construction crews to build the type of road they'd normally be fixing.

Although there are a few firms that specialize in building proving grounds, there are always challenges.

"It takes a very specialized company," Barhorst says.

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CAR JOURNEYS PART OF THE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE

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It's perfectly fine that the vehicle's main role during the holidays is helping us get to where we want to be, like with our families, or extremely far away from our families where there is also a good beach.

We don't need to start stringing lights on every Ford Taurus, or going with eggnog-flavoured 5W30 engine oil over the holidays.

That would be forcing it if you ask me — like attaching fake antlers to a cat.

Like everybody, my most vivid memories of driving to a family Christmas event occurred when I was a kid, when Christmas was feverishly crucial.

Unfortunately the drives that stick out the most were the long ones to my uncle's farm up north.

Back then I routinely got car sick, so I remember a few times standing beside the car in the snow on some back road, in full puke mode. Hey, not every memory has to be a stupendously good one. The important thing is that they're memorable enough to lodge in your memory for the long haul.

Christmas Eve 17 years ago, when our daughter was just a year old, we stayed overnight at my mother's home, the ancestral bungalow in the suburbs. As usual, the kid refused to go to sleep at the appointed time — a habit she manages to maintain to this day. When she was still screaming well past midnight, I did what all fathers do under such circumstances — buckled her into the car seat, and drove around aimlessly until she fell asleep.

ISTOCK

▶ Chances are your vehicle will be involved in some sort of memory you create during the holidays.

Driving around my old hometown, in the dead quiet of Christmas night, decorations and lights everywhere, daughter in the back slowly falling asleep, well … it wasn't the worst half hour I ever spent behind the wheel.

These days we have to make a relatively short run on Christmas Eve, about an hour door to door.

Simple, right? And with no chance of vomit?

Well, thankfully nausea is no longer in the picture, but things are far from simple. Trying not to forget and pack every present, trying to leave on time with four people with four different agendas, and trying to properly secure a broccoli casserole and Greek salad somewhere in the cargo area, is exhaustive and tricky stuff.

"Not every memory has to be a stupendously good one. The important thing is that they're memorable enough to lodge in your memory for the long haul."

But that's precisely why there is such euphoria when we're finally on our way. Nothing left to do but enjoy the ride, hope there is no Feta cheese disaster in the trunk, and look forward to the festivities that will soon unfold.

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Dear Lord,
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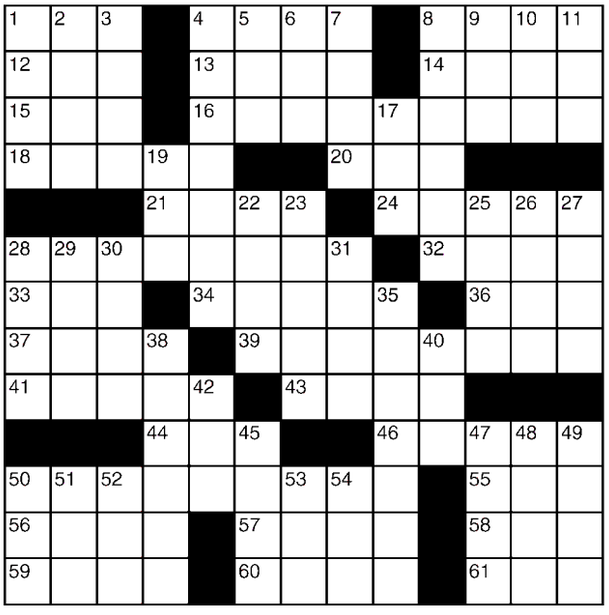

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Sudoku

		9	2		6		7	
5		6	8	1		2		
	4						6	3
9			4		8		5	6
	6			2			9	
4	8		9		5			1
1	9						8	
		4		8	7	9		2
	3		6		2	5		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	7	2	5	4	1	8	6	9
1	8	6	2	7	9	5	3	4
4	5	9	6	3	8	7	1	2
8	3	7	9	5	2	6	4	1
2	9	1	4	8	6	3	7	5
5	6	4	3	1	7	2	9	8
9	4	8	7	6	5	1	2	3
6	1	3	8	2	4	9	5	7
7	2	5	1	9	3	4	8	6

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A Spaceman, Consummation has begun and I am your guide. Together we unlock the secrets of the stars. Your signal is fading. You are... my love. **A NIGHT OWL**

My Prince, Every morning is a wonderful morning waking up with you next to me! I love everything about you, think of you always and miss you when your gone. **YOUR DIRTY GIRL**

RJ Romeo, I miss you babe and I can't wait for you to come home to me for x-mas....I miss you and love you lots more than you'll ever know. **UR BABIEE**

Hubbyxoxo :P , Heyy idk why ur friends saying im pissed off at chu cause im not and w.e his name is idk him i never talked to him -.- btww I like you alot!!!!! :P 10/04/11 **WIFEYXOXOX :P**

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 It may seem as if things are going wrong and there is little you can do about it, but it's all part of a wider plan.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you have a well defined goal and a sensible plan, you really cannot lose.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You need to talk over your problems with someone you know will lend a sympathetic ear.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Is that the real you the world can see? Or is it one of your masks? If it's the latter don't forget that you are playing a role.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Look for ways to co-operate with those you work and do business with. You have wasted far too much time trying to outdo each other.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You have become a bit too set in your ways of late and what happens today will bring that fact home.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Concentrate on the things that matter and don't waste time on each and every passing distraction.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may feel out of touch with the spirit of the times, but is that bad?

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 After all the exertions of recent weeks, you are entitled to a little down time. Let life come to you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 What you own and what you earn may be important to you but don't worry yourself sick about it.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you have a good idea — and chances are you have a brilliant one — get started on it now.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't take colleagues' negative remarks to heart because they don't mean them. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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